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THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA met in its Seventy-Third Annual Session, Tuesday, 5th October, 1886, at 7½ o'clock P. M., in the Presbyterian Church, Concord, North Carolina, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. J. C. Alexander, on Solomon, v : 9 : "What is thy beloved more than another beloved?"

The Synod was then constituted with prayer.

The Stated Clerk called the Roll of the Synod.

The following members were present during the session of the Synod :*

I.—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
ROBERT BURWELL, D. D.,		
ARCH'D. CURRIE,[2]	*H. P. Foard*,[4]	Leaksville.
T. U. FAUCETTE,[2]		
P. H. DALTON,	*M. Shaw.*	High Point.
J. HENRY SMITH, D.D.,[4]	*N. M. Sloan*,[2]	Greensboro'.
E. H. HARDING, D.D.,[2]		
F. H. JOHNSTON, D.D.,		
J. C. ALEXANDER,	*J. C. Cannon*,	Buffalo.
	Dr. J. A. McLean,	Bethel.
C. H. WILEY, D.D.,[3]		
L. C. VASS,		
H. T. DARNALL,[2]		
C. MILLER,		
T. J. ALLISON.		

*The figure after a name denotes the day on which a member takes his seat.

Roll of Synod.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Churches.
S. M. Smith,[2]		
J. S. Watkins, D.D.,[2]	*W. S. Primrose*,[2]	Raleigh, First.
D. I. Craig,[2]	*Jno. T. Denny*,[1]	Reidsville.
Wm. F. Thom,		
J. N. H. Summerell,[2]		
A. L. Crawford,	*T. C. Ford*,	Lexington.
S. H. Chester,[2]		
Alex. Sprunt,		
Carr Moore,[2]	*T. A. Eppes*,	Nutbush.
Egbert W. Smith,[2]		
23	*T. Chapman*,	Warrenton.
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II.—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

W. A. Wood, D.D.,[2]	*Jno. P. Bradley*,	Statesville.
J. Rumple, D.D.,	*Dr. J. J. Summerell*,	Salisbury.
Wm. W. Pharr,	*E. M. McNeely*,	Centre.
	D. A. Sloop,	Prospect.
R. B. Anderson, D.D.,[2]	*L. L. Witherspoon*,	Newton.
W. B. Tidball,[2]		
L. McKinnon, D.D.,[2]	*S. R. Neel*,	Davidson College.
J. M. Wharey,	*S. C. Rankin*,[2]	Mooresville.

Of the Presbytery of Orange the following Ministers were absent: G. W. Ferrill, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, D. D,, J. L. Currie, S. H. Isler, W. F. Wilhelm, R. B. Willis—8.

The following Churches were not represented: Oakland, Wentworth, Milton, Red House, Raleigh Second, New Hope, Jamestown, Kernersville, Graham, Winston, New Bern, Durham, Alamance, Spring Wood, Company Shops, Mebaneville, Bethlehem, Eno, Little River, Stony Creek, Griers, Washington, Oak Forest, Mt. Vernon, Pittsboro', Gulf, Calah, Tarboro', Rocky Mount, Croatan, Hillsboro', Chapel Hill, Hawfields, Cross Roads, Henderson, Oxford, Geneva, Shiloh, Grassy Creek, Oak Hill, Ashboro', Bethesda, Fairfield, Haywood, LaGrange, Littleton, Madison, Mt. Airy, Nahalah, Wilson, Worthville, Yanceyville, Oregon, Speedwell, Louisburg, Elkin, Horeb.—57.

Of the Presbytery of Concord, the following Ministers were absent: E. F. Rockwell, D.D., B. L. Beall, L. K. Glasgow, J. W. Davis, D.D., A. W. White.—5.

The following Churches were not represented: Morganton, Taylorsville, Wilkesboro', Unity, Lenoir, Hickory, Thyatira, Bethany, Tabor, Bethesda, Norwood, Beulah, Mizpah, Lebanon, Forest, Third Creek, Marion, Old Fort, Siloam, Bethel, Clio, Drusilla, Mocksville, New Salem, Salem, Shiloh, Turkey Cove.—27.

Roll of Synod.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Churches.
R. W. Boyd,	*J. A. Kluttz*,	Franklin.
C. M. Payne,	*R. W. Allison*,	Concord Town.
C. A. Monroe,		
J. A. Ramsay,	*T. McConnell*,	Back Creek.
W. R. McLelland,	*J. V. Melchor*,	Trontman's Depot.
J. L. Williamson,	*D. S. Caldwell*,	Poplar Tent.
W. B. Arrowood,		
E. C. Murray,[2]		
R. S. Arrowood,	*S. M. Furr*,	Bethphage.
16	*Dr. J. R. B. Adams*,[3]	Fifth Creek.
	H. C. Summers,	Concord (Iredell).
	J. D. Morrison,	Rocky River.
	N. G. White,[2]	Zion.
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III.—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

D. D. McBryde,		
M. McQueen,[2]	*M. A. Monroe*,[2]	Union.
	D. McIntyre,	Cameron.
Joseph Evans,		
H. G. Hill, D.D.,	*Wm. Black*,	Shoe Heel.
	Jas. McQueen,	Centre.
David Fairley,[2]		
J. H. Colton,	*D. McLauchlin*,	Cypress.
A. N. Ferguson,	*L. McNeill*,	Laurel Hill.
Wm. S. Lacy,		
J. S. Black,		
9	*H. H. Hodgin*,	Antioch.
	K. M. Matheson,	Ben Salem.
	P. C. Shaw,[3]	Bethesda.
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Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville the following Ministers were absent: H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, N. McKay, D.D., James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, K. M. McIntyre, J. D. Currie.—9

The following Churches were not represented: Philadelphus, Barbacue, Salem, Tirza, Flat Branch, Bluff, Sardis, Carthage, Culdee, St. Andrews, Mt. Pisgah, White Hill, Ashpole, Iona, Lebanon, Lumber Bridge, Laurinburg, Church of the Covenant, Galatia, Sandy Grove, MacPherson, Long Street, China Grove, Bethel, Smyrna, Montpelier, Macedonia, Pee Dee, Sharon, Buffalo, Euphronia, Jonesboro', St. Pauls, Big Rockfish, Lumberton, Mt. Tabor, Sherwood, Mineral Spring, Harmony, Mt. Carmel, Mark's Creek, Rockingham, Fayetteville, Bethlehem.—H.

Roll of Synod.

IV.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Churches.
Arch'd. McFadyen,	*Jno. H. Ballantine*,	Clarkton.
G. W. McMillan,		
K. McDonald, [2]		
Jno. W. Primrose,	*Rob't. McDougald*,[2]	Wilmington, Second
Peyton H. Hoge,[2]	*B. G. Worth*,[2]	Wilmington, First.
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V.—PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

G. D. Parks,[2]		
W. A. McDonald,	*R. R. King*,	Philadelphia.
J. J. Kennedy,	*W. Arrowood*,	Long Creek.
W. E. McIlwain,		
S. T. Martin,		
G. S. Robinson,		
R A. Miller,	*J. W. Moore*,	Hopewell.
G L. Cook,		
W. R. Atkinson,[3]		
J. M. McLean,[2]	*J. E. Hutchinson*,[2]	Williams Memorial.
A. G. Buckner,		
A. M. Watson,		
E. P Davis,		
C. W. Robinson,	*J. M. Caldwell*,	Sugar Creek.
P. R. Law,[3]		
E. A. Sample,[2]		
J. L. McLees [2]		

Of the Presbytery of Wilmington, the following Ministers were absent: D. B. Black, C. Shaw, B. F. Marable, D.D., J. Kelly, A. Kirkland, A. L. Phillips, J. D. Stanford.—7.

The following Churches were not represented: Hopewell, Keith, Pike, Rockfish, Oak Plain, Mt. Zion, Union, Clinton, Mt. Olive, Warsaw, Elizabethtown, Beth-Car, Mt. Horeb, Whiteville, White Plains, Chadbourn, Grove, New River Chapel, Richlands, Caswell, Black River Chapel, Burgaw, Duplin Road, Mt. Williams, Topsail, Chinquepin, White Hall, Goldsboro', South River Chapel, Cobbs' Mills, Seminary, North River, Newport.—33.

Of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg the following Ministers were absent: R. H. Morrison, D.D., J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, Wm. Graves, W. W. Pharr, D.D., A. W. Miller, D.D., R. Z. Johnston, D. T. Towles, W. H. Davis, J. P. Gammon, N. M. Woods, D. P. Robinson, J. E. Fogartie, R. B. Morrow, R. S. Brown, I. N. Campbell, J. C. Oehler.—17.

Roll of Synod. Organization.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Churches
T. A. Wharton,		
18	*Jno. E. Brown*,[2]	Charlotte, First.
	W. H. Michal,	Lincolton.
	F. E. Query,	Mallard Creek.
	A. G. Neel,	Steele Creek.
	J. H. King,	Bethlehem.
	J. B. Rankin,	Charlotte, Second.
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Ministers, 71; Ruling Elders, 50; Total, 121.

The Rev. John W. Primrose of the Presbytery of Wilmington was chosen Moderator.

The Rev. J. A. Ramsay of the Presbytery of Concord, and the Rev. C. W. Robinson of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, were chosen temporary Clerks.

The Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania, (of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America), and the Rev. Walter W. Moore, D.D., of the Synod of Kentucky, being present were invited to sit as Corresponding Members, and were introduced by the Moderator to the Synod.

It was moved and carried that the Moderator appoint a Committee to nominate officers of Synod to take the places of those whose terms expire at the present meeting.

It was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow, Wednesday, at 11 A. M., to hear the Rev. J. N. Craig, D.D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions.

The following Churches were not represented: Sharon, Amity, Goshen, Dallas, Hephzibah, Olney, Davidson River, Gastonia, New Hope, Pineville, Pleasant Hill, Asheville, Paw Creek, Union, Wadesboro', Polkton, Lebanon, Shelby, King's Mountain, Shiloh, Rutherfordton, Little Brittain, Sandy Plains, Monroe, Matthews, Franklin, Morrison, Providence, Ramah, Unity, Bethel, Red Oak, Mills' River, Machpelah, Hendersonville, Castanea Grove, Swannanoa, Oak Forest, Waynesville, Huntersville, Charleston, Duncan's Creek, Hiwassee.—43.

Orders of the Day. Sabbath School Interests.

It was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow, Wednesday, at 2½ P. M., to hear the Rev. J. K. Hazen, D.D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Publication.

In accordance with the action taken at the last meeting of Synod (printed Minutes, 1885, p. 608,) that the Synod devote the half of one day to the consideration of our Sabbath School interests, the following orders were taken:

It was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow, Wednesday, at 4 P. M. to hear the report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools, and in connection therewith to hear the Rev. James A. Worden D.D., Secretary of Sunday School work in connection with the Northern Presbyterian Church, and specially in exemplification of the work of the Bible Correspondence School.

It was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow, Wednesday, at 7½ P. M., to hear addresses from Rev. Dr. Hazen and Rev. Dr. Worden on phases of Sunday School work.

The hours of daily session were fixed as follows: That the Synod convene daily at 9 A M. and take a recess at 12 M.; meet at 2½ P. M. and take recess at 5½ P. M.; then meet at 7½ P. M. and adjourn at will.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

Appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 6th October, 1886.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at 9 A. M., and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the First Day's Session were read and approved.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Session was on motion, dispensed with.

The Appeal of the Rev. D. P. Robinson, through his counsel, the Rev. G. L. Cook, against the decision of Mecklenburg Presbytery, was laid before the Synod and read by the Stated Clerk.

The Appeal is follows:

REV. D. P. ROBINSON, } *Appellant*,
vs.
PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG. } *Appellee.*

To the Venerable Synod of North Carolina in Session at Concord, October 5th, 1886:

The undersigned respectfully appeals from the decision of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, October 1st, 1886, in the case of the Presbyterian Church in the United States vs. this Appellant, wherein he was found guilty of the first two charges in the bill of indictment, for the following reasons, to-wit:

1. The prosecution of the 2nd charge was barred by chapter vi: sec. xx. of the Rules of Discipline.

2. The decision in both charges is not warranted by the testimony.

3. Even if guilty the penalty is excessive.

D. P. ROBINSON.

Through George L. Cook, his duly appointed representative.

The Appeal of Mr. Robinson, with the papers in the case from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg were laid on the table to be referred to the Judicial Committee.

Standing Committees.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Bills and Overtures.—J. C. Alexander, J. Rumple, D.D., G. L. Cook, P. H. Dalton, Dr. J. J. Summerell, D. McLauchlin.

2. Judicial Committee.—H. G. Hill, D.D., F. H. Johnston, D.D., J. M. Wharey, Wm. Black, B. G. Worth.

3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.—Martin McQueen, R. A. Miller, H. H. Hodgin, D. A. Sloop, J. M. Caldwell.

4. Systematic Beneficence.—A. G. Buckner, J. H. Colton, D. McIntyre, T. A. Wharton, T. McConnell.

5. Minutes of the General Assembly.—P. H. Hoge, S. T. Martin, A. G. Neel, C. Miller, L. L. Witherspoon.

6. Union Theological Seminary.—D. D. McBryde, E. P. Davis, A. M. Watson, J. S. Black, T. C. Ford.

7. Treasurer's Books.—W. B. Arrowood, J. S. McQueen, Wm. S. Primrose.

8. Report of the Trustees of Synod.—William E. McIlwain, G. W. McMillan, S. R. Neel.

9. Devotional Exercises.—C. M. Payne, R. S. Arrowood, R. W. Allison.

10. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.—Jos. Evans, R. W. Boyd, J. H. Ballantine, J. D. Morrison.

11. Synodical Records.—L. C. Vass, J. L. Williamson, S. M. Furr.

12. Leave of Absence.—H. S. Darnall, Wm. Arrowood, D. S. Caldwell.

The Appeal of Rev. Mr. Robinson and the papers in the case were referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees on

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

ORANGE.—Wm. W. Pharr, J. V. Melchor, L. McNeill.

CONCORD.—A. N. Ferguson, W. F. Thom, R. R. King.

FAYETTEVILLE.—A. McFadyen, A. L. Crawford, T. Chapman.

WILMINGTON.—J. S. Watkins, D.D., J. S. Black, J. C. Cannon.

MECKLENBURG.—P. H. Dalton, W. B. Tidball, D. A. Sloop.

Statistical Reports from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and referred to the Committee on Statistical Reports. (See Appendix, Paper A.)

Narratives of the State of Religion from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and referred to the Committee appointed to prepare an address to the Churches.

Reports on Systematic Beneficence from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. (See Appendix, Paper B.)

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary, was read and referred to the Committee on Union Theological Seminary. (See Appendix, Paper C.)

The nomination of persons to fill vacancies in the Board from this Synod was referred to the same Committee.

The Records of the Synod, and of the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and referred to the respective Committees appointed for their review.

Orders of the Day. Courtesies. Report of Historical Committee.

It was made the First Order of the Day for Thursday morning to hear the report of the Agent of Sustentation.

It was made the Second Order of the Day for Thursday morning to hear the report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labor, and in connection therewith to hear the Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists.

It was made the Third Order of the Day for Thursday morning to hear the report of the Agent of education.

The Rev. J. K. Hazen, D D., of the Synod of Alabama, the Rev. E. M. Richardson, D.D., of the Synod of Memphis, and the Rev. J. B. Mack, D.D., of the Synod of South Carolina, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members, and were introduced by the Moderator to the Synod.

It was made the Order of the Day, in connection with the report of the Agent of Sustentation, to hear the Address of the Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D., on Ministerial Support, in accordance with the action of the Synod at its last Annual Session. (Printed Minutes, 1885, p. 614.)

The Rev. David Farley was appointed Agent of Publication, *pro tempore.*

The Synodical Historical Committee, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Chairman, made the following report which was received and approved :

The Synodical Historical Committee respectfully report :

That they have had no papers of historical value placed in their hands, and have no matter to bring to the attention of the body.

The Committee beg to call the notice of the Synod to the purpose of this Committee, and to the importance of collecting and preserving historical material connected with the Presbyterian Church of the State.

It was made the Order of the Day for Friday at 11 A. M., to hear the Address of the Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain, as

principal, or the Rev. J. Rumple, D.D., as alternate, on "The Duty of the Church in Securing a Larger Number of Efficient Ministers," in accordance with the action of the Synod at its last Annual Session. (Printed Minutes, 1885, p. 613.)

The action taken on yesterday to appoint a Committee to nominate officers to fill the vacancies occurring at this meeting of the Synod was, on motion, reconsidered and laid on the table.

The Rev. J. N. Craig, D.D., of the Synod of Memphis, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member, and introduced by the Moderator to the Synod.

The Rev. J. A. Ramsay, of the Presbytery Concord'fo was elected Stated Clerk of Synod.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod of North Carolina are due and are hereby heartily given to the Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, who has served the Synod with great faithfulness and acceptance for the past eight years as Stated Clerk.

The Synod in expressing their thanks for the entirely satisfactory manner in which Brother Lacy has performed the duties of his office, regrets that he now feels compelled on account of other obligations to decline a re-election to this office.

The Synod took recess for five minutes.

After recess, the Synod met and heard the Rev. J. N. Craig, D.D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions.

The Rev. Mr. Wheeler of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Rev. Mr. Davis of the Baptist Church, being present, were invited to sit as Visiting Brethren, and were introduced by the Moderator to the Synod.

The Synod took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met after recess.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. P. H. Hoge, Chairman, reported in part, recommending that as a Synod we observe to morrow, Thursday, as a day of fasting and prayer as recommended by the General Assembly. This report was received and adopted, and the Committee of Devotional Exercises were instructed to arrange the manner of observance in consistency with the orders of the day.

The Committee on Statistical Reports, Rev. Joseph Evans, Chairman, reported in part, recommending the appointment of the following Committees to prepare suitable minutes touching the death of brethren deceased since the last meeting of the Synod :

On the Death of the Rev. P. T. Penick.—Rev. William W. Pharr, and Dr. J. J. Summerell.

On the Death of the Rev. E. McNair, D.D.—Rev. D. D. McBryde, P. C. Shaw.

The Rev. Mr. Campbell and the Rev. Mr. Lutz, of the Lutheran Church. being present, were invited to sit as Visiting Brethren, and were introduced by the Moderator to the Synod.

The Rev. L. Dorland, D.D., of the Synod of Atlantic, Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, being present was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member, and introduced by the Moderator to the Synod.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and the Synod heard the Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Publication.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises were instructed to consider and report suitable hours at which the Synod

may hear the Agent of Union Theological Seminary, with reference to the claims of that institution; and the Rev. J. Henry Smith, D.D., appointed to deliver an Historical Address "Touching the Rise, Progress and Prospects of the Presbyterian Church of the United States," in accordance with the action of the Synod at its last Annual Session. (Printed Minutes, 1885, pp. 608–609.)

The Order of the Day for this hour was then announced, and the Agent of Sabbath Schools, Rev. L. C. Vass, made his report, which was received. Pending further action the Synod, according to its order, heard an address on various phases of Sunday School work, from the Rev. J. A. Worden, D.D., Secretary of Sunday Schools, in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Addresses were also made by various members of the Synod, after which the report of the Agent was approved, and the following recommendation appended thereto, adopted:

In reviewing the work of past years, the Synod feels impelled to recommend earnestly to our Presbyteries that they urge upon their church sessions to endeavor to have more preaching adapted to the children, if not separately for them; to see that more study is given to the Shorter Catechism; more earnest work to sustain a Sabbath School in every Church; greater effort to train the youth in each school in systematic habits of giving for the support of all the benevolent agencies of the Church; and to maintain teachers' meetings for study and prayer.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Synod was read and referred, with his book and vouchers, to the Committee on Treasurer's Books. (See Appendix, Paper D.)

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, touching the matter referred to them with regard to the manner of observance of to-morrow (Thursday.)

In accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly your Committee recommend that the Synod observe the day

in the following way: That the Moderator conduct a half-hour's devotional exercise at the opening session, and that the service in the evening when according to the Standing Rules, the Synodical Communion is observed, be shaped in that direction. We recommend that the Rev. Walter W. Moore, D.D., preach the sermon, and that the Rev. W. A. Wood, D.D., and Rev. A. McFadyen administer the Communion.

The Synod took recess until 7½ o'clock, this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod convened at the appointed hour, and after the reading of the Scriptures and singing, the Order of the Day was announced, and the Synod heard the Rev. J. A. Worden, D.D., and the Rev. J. K. Hazen, D.D., with reference to the Sabbath School, its need, its importance and its work.

The Synod then, the Rev. P. H. Hoge making the motion, expressed its hearty appreciation of the presence and address ont his occasion of the Rev. J. A. Worden, D.D., by a rising vote.

The Synod then adjourned till 9 A. M., to-morrow and was closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Worden.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, 7th October, 1886.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and in accordance with its order taken yesterday, spent a half-hour in appropriate devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Second Day's Session were read and approved.

The Report of the Trustees of the Synod was read and referred to the Committee appointed to examine such report. (See Appendix, Paper E.)

A communication from Robt. S. Young, President "New South" Club, extending to the Synod a cordial welcome, and placing its rooms at the disposal of its members during their visit to Concord, was read, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered in acknowledgment of the courteous invitation.

A communication from the Woman's National Temperance Union was read and referred to a Committee consisting of Alex. Sprunt, W. F. Thom and Robt. McDougald, to present a suitable response for the adoption of the Synod.

The Committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery, Rev. Wm. W. Pharr, Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records, and found them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. P. H. Hoge, Chairman, made the following report which was received. The recommendations were considered *seriatim*, and adopted, and the report as a whole was then adopted. The report is as follows:

1. In the report of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Education p. 29, your Committee would direct your attention especially to the 5th and 7th paragraphs,—the one fixing the last Thursday of January, 1887, as a day of special prayer for Colleges, and the other recommending that ministers educated, in whole or in part, by the Church, should be encouraged to devote some time to Home Mission work under the direction of the Presbyteries. Your Committee recommend that Synod by the adoption of this report urge the observance of the day appointed throughout our bounds, as recommended by the Assembly, and commend the policy of the 7th paragraph to its Presbyteries.

2. In the report of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Home Missions, on p. 32, your Committee would call attention to the provision on p. 34, that the Assembly request all pastors on the 1st Sabbath of

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January (or as near thereto as may be convenient) to preach on our duty to the missionary work in our own land; with the recommendation that Synod urge compliance with this request upon all its ministers.

3. On p. 43, the Committee on Theological Seminaries defines the relations of our Seminaries to the General Assembly. As this Synod exercises joint control over Union Theological Seminary, your Committee felt that it was its duty to direct attention to this action of the Assembly, without at this time recommending any action on our part with reference thereto.

4. On pp. 46, 47, in the report of the Standing Committee on Publication, two matters seem to call for our attention. On p. 46 the injunction to Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents to use the most earnest means practicable to increase the patronage given to the publications of the Committee; and on p. 47 the recommendation that Presbyteries take such action as shall, if possible, secure collections from all our Churches, such as may be sufficient in the aggregate to cancel all our outstanding bonds, in order that the Committee may be able to enter upon the active work of colportage. On these points your Committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That Synod hereby expresses its cordial confidence in the conduct of our Publication work, and desires to see it at an early day upon such a footing as will enable it to enter upon the aggressive work it is fitted to accomplish; and to that end, without intending to interfere with Presbyterial action, earnestly hopes that all its churches shall do their part toward the extinguishing of the remaining debt, before the end of March, 1887, and bespeaks for the Committee the active co-operation of all our Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents, in extending the circulation of its publications.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Book and Report, Rev. W. B. Arrowood, Chairman, made their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee have examined the Treasurer's Report and Book with accompanying vouchers, and find them all correct.

Your Committee would call the attention of the Synod to the fact that while none of the Presbyteries except Wilmington have paid their assessments for 1886, Fayetteville Presbytery is still due the assessment for 1885.

The Committee on the Records of Fayetteville Presby-

tery, Rev. A. McFadyen Chairman, made the following report.

The Committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully report that they have done so, and recommend their approval, with the exception : that on page 180 there is a record of a dissolution of a pastoral relation with nothing to show that the requirements of Form of Government, chapter vi, section v, paragraph xiii, was complied with, viz: to cite the congregation to show cause if there was any, why the relation should not be dissolved.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of Synod, Rev. William E. McIlwain, Chairman, reported that there was nothing in the report that called for the attention of the Synod. The report was received and adopted.

In accordance with the Standing Rule of the Synod defining the term of office of the Stated Clerk, it was ordered that the term of office close the 1st of April next, and that the remuneration be half the stated salary for a year.

The Order of the Day was then announced, and the Agent of Sustentation, the Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D., submitted his report, which was received. Pending further action, the Synod, in accordance with its special order, heard an Address by the Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D., on Ministerial Support. The report of the Agent was then approved.

The thanks of the Synod were then tendered to the Rev. Dr. Hill for his address.

The Second Order of the Day was then announced, and the Agent of Evangelistic Labor, Rev. J. C. Alexander, submitted his report, which was received. Pending a motion to approve, the Synod heard verbal reports from Evangelists and Agents of Home Missions in the several Presbyteries. After which the report of the Agent was approved.

The Judicial Committee, the Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D., Chairman, presented the following report :

The Judicial Committee would report to Synod that the Appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson, from the decision of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, rendered October 1st, 1886, in the case of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, versus the Appellant, is in order, and based on grounds prescribed by our Book of Discipline.

They recommend that this appeal be taken up in the order mentioned in Book of Discipline, chapter xiii, section iii, paragraph vii.

1st. Let Appeal be read, and the reasons therefor.

2nd. Let "The Record of the Case" be read as follows:

Indictment of the Court; Answer of the Accused: The testimony for Prosecution ; The testimony for the Defense ; The judgment of the Court.

3rd. Let the parties be heard—the Appellant through his representative, Rev. Geo. L. Cook, and the Appellee through its representative, Rev. G. D. Parks.

4th. Call the roll for expression of opinion in the case by members of the Court.

5th. Take the vote.

The report was received and docketed, and was made the Second Order of the Day for this afternoon.

It was further ordered that Synod sit with closed doors in consdering the Appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson.

The Committee on the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. P. H. Dalton, Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records and found them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. John S. Watkins, D.D., Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records and found them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported touch-

ing special orders referred to it,—that it be made the Order of the Day for Friday evening at 7½ o'clock, to hear the Rev. S. Taylor Martin, Financial Agent of Union Theological Seminary with reference to the endowment of that institution, and that it be made the Order of the Day for Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M., to hear the Historical Address by Rev. J. Henry Smith, D.D., in accordance with action taken by the Synod at its last Annual Session. (Printed Minutes, 1885, p. 609.)

The report was adopted.

The Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 P. M. the Synod met and resumed business.

The Committee on Statistical Reports, Rev. Joseph Evans, Chairman, made their report which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Statistical Reports respectfully presents this summary of facts, gathered from the several reports of the Presbyteries:

The number of Ministers in the Presbytery of Orange is 31; Concord, 21; Mecklenburg, 32; Wilmington, 12; Fayetteville, 18. Total, 114.

The number of Churches in the Presbytery of Orange is 67; Concord, 44; Mecklenburg, 54; Wilmington, 36; Fayetteville, 52. Total, 253.

The number of Licentiates in the Presbytery of Orange is 2; Concord, 2; Wilmington, 1; Fayetteville, 1. Total, 6.

The number of Candidates in the Presbytery of Orange is 8; Concord, 6; Mecklenburg, 12; Wilmington, 2; Fayetteville, 7. Total, 35.

The number of Communicants in the Presbytery of Orange is 4,370; Concord, 3,881; Mecklenburg, 5,502; Wilmington, 2,111; Fayetteville, 4,599. Total, 20,463.

The aggregate of all the funds collected in the Presbytery of Orange is $35,854.58; Concord, $23,640; Mecklenburg, $50,486; Wilmington, $15,158.49; Fayetteville, $14,689.45. Total, $139,828.52.

The number added to the Church in the Presbytery of Orange is 387;

Statistical Reports—Continued.

Concord, 178; Mecklenburg, 648; Wilmington, 250; Fayetteville, 529. Total, 1,992.

Ministers Received: Presbytery of Concord, 2; Wilmington, 1. Total, ?.

Ministers Transferred: Mecklenburg, 5; Wilmington, 2; Fayetteville, 1. Total, 8.

Churches Organized: Presbytery of Concord, 3; Fayetteville, 1. Total, 4.

The name of Lebanon Church, Mecklenburg Presbytery, was changed to that of "Morven."

Licentiates Received: Mecklenburg Presbytery, 1

Candidates Received: Orange, 4; Concord, 3; Mecklenburg, 4; Wilmington, 1; Fayetteville, 1. Total, 13.

Ministers Deceased: Concord, 1; Fayetteville, 1. Total, 2.

Ordinations: Orange, 1; Concord, 1; Mecklenburg, 3; Wilmington, 1. Total, 6.

Installations: Orange, 3; Concord, 4; Mecklenburg, 2; Wilmington, 2; Fayetteville, 2. Total, 13.

Dissolutions of Pastoral Relations: Concord, 1; Mecklenburg, 3; Wilmington, 2; Fayetteville, 2. Total, 8.

Ministers in Charge of Churches: Presbytery of Orange, 26; Concord, 15; Mecklenburg, 21; Wilmington, 12; Fayetteville, 18. Total, 92.

Pastors: Presbytery of Orange, 21; Concord, 13; Mecklenburg, 12; Wilmington, 6; Fayetteville, 7. Total, 59.

Stated Supplies: Presbytery of Orange, 3; Concord, 2; Mecklenburg, 6; Wilmington, 6; Fayetteville, 8. Total, 25.

Evangelists: Presbytery of Orange, 2; Concord, 1; Mecklenburg, 4; Wilmington, 3; Fayetteville, 1. Total, 11.

Licentiates: Presbytery of Concord, 1; Fayetteville, 1. Total, 2.

Churches Vacant: Presbytery of Orange, 15; Concord, 2; Mecklenburg, 13; Wilmington, 5; Fayetteville, 7. Total, 44.

Average Salaries: Presbytery of Orange, $736.50; Concord, $855; Mecklenburg, $782; Wilmington, $803.23; Fayetteville, $——.—. Total average, $794.18.

Manses: Presbytery of Orage, 16; Concord, 14; Mecklenburg, 16; Wilmington, 3; Fayetteville, 2. Total, 51.

Value of Manses: Presbytery of Orange, $39,300; Concord, $21,700; Mecklenburg, $30,000; Wilmington, $8,500; Fayetteville, $4,000. Total, $103,500,

Counties in which there is no Presbyterian Minister or Presbyterian Church: Orange, 24; Concord, 6; Mecklenburg, 4; Wilmington, 1. Total, 35.

Concord Presbytery has one Foreign Missionary.

Your Committee would call attention to the facts:

I.—That of the 31 Ministers beloning to Orange Presbytery there are 21 Pastors, 3 Stated Supplies, 2 Evangelists, and 5 unaccounted for.

Of the 21 Ministers belonging to Concord Presbytery, there are 13 Pastors, 2 Stated Supplies, 1 Evangelist, and 5 unaccounted for.

Of the 32 Ministers belonging to Mecklenburg Presbytery, there are 12 pastors, 6 Stated Supplies, 4 Evangelists, and 10 unaccounted for.

Of the 12 Ministers belonging to Wilmington Presbytery, there are 6 Ministers, 6 Stated Supplies.

Of the 18 Ministers belonging to Fayetteville Presbytery, there are 7 Pastors, 8 Stated Supplies, 1 Evangelist, 2 unaccounted for.

II.—That the aggregate of all the funds raised by Orange Presbytery is $4,245.58 more than was raised the year before.

By Concord it is $1,260 less than the year before.

By Mecklenburg it is $10,771 more than the year before.

By Wilmington it is $3,379.27 more than the year before.

By Fayetteville it is $293.47 less than the year before.

Making a total net advance in the Synod of $16,843.38.

The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable response to the communication of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Rev. Alex. Sprunt, Chairman, made their report, which was accepted and, after amendment, adopted. The report is as follows:

The Special Committee to which was referred a communication from the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, asking that Synod unite with them in a request to the Evangelical Alliance to set apart one day in their week of prayer for the suppression of the liquor traffic, recommend the following answer, viz:

The Synod of North Carolina is deeply impressed with the awful

evils of intemperance, and sympathizes with every proper effort to suppress and exterminate the same, and especially would heartily recommend the duty of blending earnest prayer to God for His guidance and favor.

And though the Synod has no official connection with the Evangelical Alliance, it does not hesitate to approve the recommendation of one day in the Week of Prayer to be devoted to earnest prayer to God for the removal of the great evil of intemperance.

The Order of the Day for this hour was then announced, and the Agent of Education, the Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., made his report, which was received. Pending its consideration the Synod heard the Rev. E. M. Richardson, D.D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Education. The Synod also heard in connection with the report the Rev. L. McKinnon, D.D., President of Davidson College, with reference to the interests of that institution. The report was then docketed in order to proceed with the Second Order of the Day.

The Synod then took recess for five minutes to meet in the Lecture Room with closed doors.

The Synod having met and been called to order, the Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery, Rev. A. N. Ferguson, Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Second Order of the Day was then announced, to-wit: the report of the Judicial Committee. The report was taken from the docket, considered and adopted, and the Synod proceeded to take up the Appeal of the Rev. D. P. Robinson.

The Moderator then charged the Court in accordance with the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

The Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain and Ruling Elder J. W. Moore were excused from sitting as members of the Court.

The case was taken up in the order recommended by the Judicial Committee, in accordance with the Rules of Discipline.

The Appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson from the decision of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg with the reasons therefor, the indictment of the inferior court and the answer of the accused were read by the Stated Clerk, after which the Synod took recess until 7½ P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

In accordance with the Standing Rule of the Synod, it is made the Order of the Day for Thursday evening to hold the Synodical Communion.

After sermon preached by the Rev. W. W. Moore, D.D., on I. Cor. VI:17, "But he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit," the Synod united in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock and was closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, 8th October, 1886.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the Third Day's Session were read and approved.

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary, Rev. D. D. McBryde, Chairman, presented their report which was received and docketed.

Publication. Education.

The Order of the Day for this hour was then announced, and the Agent of Publication *pro tempore*, Rev. D. Fairley, made his report, and the following resolutions appended thereto were adopted.

Resolved, 1*st*, That the Synod does hereby express its sense of the great importance of the cause of Publication, and renews the injunction to Pastors and workers in the Sabbath Schools of our Church to use the most earnest means practicable to increase the patronage given to the publications of our Committee.

Resolved, 2*nd*, That the Pastors and Sessions be urged to take such steps as shall bring the cause more prominently to the attention of the Church, that all may contribute of their means in order that this potent agency for good may be untrammelled in its work.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, Saturday, at 4 P. M. to hear the memorials of deceased Ministers.

The report of the Agent of Education was taken from the Docket, and the several resolutions appended thereto were considered *seriatim*.

The resolutions as amended are as follows:

Resolved, 1*st*, That since the harvest is plenteous and the laborers few, it is the duty of the Church to pray to the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest.

Resolved, 2*nd*, That the day of special prayer for our youth in institutions of learning, appointed by the General Assembly be remembered and observed in all our Churches.

Resolved, 3*rd*, That Christian parents be urged to consider prayerfully the duty and the privilege of dedicating their sons to the gospel ministry.

Resolved, 4*th*, That ministers and Sessions be urged to look out, aid and encourage suitable young men for the work of the ministry.

Resolved, 5*th*, That Churches and communities be urged to establish and maintain, wherever practicable, classical schools for the preparation of young men for entrance into college.

Resolved, 6*th*, That Presbyterial Committees be requested to secure more liberal contributions to the cause of education from all our Churches.

Of these the first three resolutions were adopted, and the further consideration of the remainder was postponed.*

The Committee of Devotional Exercises, the Rev. C. M. Payne, Chairman, made a report which was received and approved.

The Synod took recess for five minutes to meet in the Lecture Room with closed doors for the consideration of the pending judicial case.

The Synod met in the Lecture Room.

The Special Order appointed by the Synod at its last Annual Session, that a sermon or address be delivered at the present Session of Synod on "The Duty of the Church in Securing a Larger Number of Efficient Ministers," was, on motion, postponed until next year. The Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain, was appointed Principal, and the Rev. J. Rumple D.D., Alternate.

Fayetteville was chosen as the place, and the last Tuesday of October, 1887, (25th Oct. 1887.) at 7½ o'clock P. M., was chosen as the time for the next meeting of the Synod.

The Synod then resumed the Unfinished Business, viz: the Appeal of the Rev. D. P. Robinson. The testimony for the prosecution was read.

The Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess the Synod met for business.

The report of the Committee on Union Theological Semi-

*[NOTE BY THE STATED CLERK.—In making the above record, I follow the minutes of the Temporary Clerks as approved by the Synod, and the facts. The daily record states: "After the adoption of a part of this report, its further consideration was postponed." The first resolution was adopted. The second was an amendment or an addition introduced by a member of the Synod, and adopted. The third was an amendment of the nature of a substitute, and was adopted. The fourth, awakening some discussion, and the Synod oppressed with a sense of the shortness of time having an important judicial case pending, further consideration was postponed, The

nary was taken from the Docket, and the recommendations were adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary respectfully report:

The reports which the Board of Directors and Trustees of the Seminary make to the Synod furnish all the information necessary, relative to the condition and prospects of this Institution. The Seminary appears from these reports to be in a prosperous condition. Its vested funds seem to be well and carefully managed. The number of students, and especially the number of matriculations during the year, and the good health and diligence of the students, call for devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for these tokens of His favor to this School of the Prophets.

There being no recommendations in the Report from the Seminary for the Synod's adoption, your Committee would only further call attention to the fact that the term of service of the fourth class of Directors expires at this time, viz: Rev. J. M. Rose, of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. J. Rumple, D.D., of Concord, and Mr. D. W. Oates, of Mecklenburg Presbytery. As these vacancies are to be filled, the Committee would recommend that the Rev. J. W. Primrose, of Wilmington Presbytery, be elected to fill the place of Rev. J. M. Rose, and that Dr. Rumple and Mr. Oates be re-elected.

It was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow, Saturday, at 3 P. M., to hear the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

The Rev. Wm. S. Lacy was elected Synodical Agent of Education.

The Synod then met with closed doors and resumed the Unfinished Business, viz: the Appeal of the Rev. D. P. Robinson.

The testimony for the defense was read.

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usual course with the report of a Synodical Agent is that it be received and approved, and the resolutions appended thereto be adopted. In this instance the Report was not formally approved, the Synod waiting until the resolutions were disposed of and the Report taken up as a whole. The postponement was not indefinite or not stated so to be; nor "to a day certain," and I take it, was tantamount to placing on the Docket, and so as I understand the resolutions not adopted, are laid over for consideration at the next meeting of the Synod, and I shall so enter upon the Docket. The body of the Report appears as it should do, in the Appendix to the Minutes. WM. S. LACY.

After hearing all the testimony in the case, the Synod heard the Appellant, through his representative, Rev. Geo. L. Cook.

The Synod then took recess until 7½ o'clock P. M., to meet in the Church.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod met at the hour appointed for business.

The Order of the Day was then announced and the Synod heard the Rev. W. W. Moore, D.D., Professor in the Union Theological Seminary, and the Rev. S. Taylor Martin, Agent for the endowment of the Fifth Professorship, with reference to the interests of that institution.

The Synod took recess for five minutes.

After recess the Synod met with closed doors and resumed the Unfinished Business, viz: the appeal of the Rev. D. P. Robinson.

The Synod then heard the Appellee, through its representative, Rev. G. D. Parks.

After which the Appellant, through Rev. G. L. Cook, was heard in reply.

The members of the Synod were, on motion, limited to three minutes in the expression of their opinions.

The roll was then called, and an opportunity given each member of the Court to express his views.

The following members were excused from voting: *Ministers.*—S. H. Chester, (on second charge,) J. L. Williamson, (on second charge,) R. W. Boyd, Martin McQueen, D. Fairley, G. D. Parks, G. L. Cook, A. McFadyen, W. A. McDonald, W. E. McIlwain. *Ruling Elders.*—J. H. Long, J. T. Denny, H. C. Summers, A. G. Neel, (on second charge,) J. D. Morrison, (on second charge.)

Vote on Appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson.

The roll was then again called and the vote taken. The vote is as follows:

On the first charge:—
To confirm in whole, 22.
To reverse in whole, 28.
To confirm in part, 13.
To reverse in part, 1.
On the second charge.
To confirm in whole, 40.
To reverse in whole, 5.
To confirm in part, 14.

A Committee was appointed consisting of Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D., and Ruling Elders L. L. Witherspoon and William Black, to prepare a minute expressive of the judgment of the Court in the case.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, 9th October, 1886.

MORNING SESSION.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Churches on the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod, Rev. M. McQueen, Chairman, made their report, which was received and adopted. It was further ordered that the address be read to the churches by the pastors and stated supplies on a day of public worship, and that a copy

be forwarded to the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN, with a request for publication.

The report is as follows :

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

The Synod of North Carolina, in sending its annual greeting to the Churches within its bounds prays that "grace, mercy and peace may be multiplied" unto them.

1. We would record our profound gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for the manifestations of His presence and favor during the year. And while we would pause and drop tears of sorrow over the graves of our two beloved brethren who have gone to their rest and reward, we would not be ungrateful to God for permitting so many of us to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.

2. But few, if any, of our churches have been left without the preaching of the word. While many of our feeble churches are not well supplied with the means of grace, still our Presbyteries are making commendable efforts to supply them.

3. From all our Presbyteries comes the glad tidings of special outpourings of the Divine Spirit upon our churches, and large numbers have been added to our membership, ranging from fifteen to eighty-seven.

4. All the reports agree in the statement that there is an encouraging increase in the attendance upon the services of the sanctuary.

5. While family religion and training have been too much neglected in the past, we now have favorable reports of increased attention to these religious duties, and that new family altars are being erected throughout our bounds.

6. There is a growing spirit of liberality among our people, and they are recognizing more fully their obligation to worship God with their substance.

7. Our Sabbath School work is still engaging the prayerful attention of our people, and many recognize in it a field in which all are called to labor. And as the precious fruits of these labors in conjunction with the preaching of the word, over six hundred have passed from the Sabbath School to Christ's higher school—His Church.

In reviewing the whole field and summing up the work of the year,

one of the most successful, if not the most successful, in our history, we are constrained to thank God and take courage. And in view of the gracious blessings which have attended all our efforts to build up the Kingdom of our Divine Master, we would hear His call to ministers, officers and members to still greater efforts and to a more earnest zeal for the glory of God in the salvation of souls. God has assigned "to every man his work," and he holds them individually responsible for the discharge of those duties.

While, then, much has been done, still much has been left undone that ought to have been done. And we must mingle tones of sadness and the confessions of short-comings with our songs of rejoicing.

May the rich benedictions of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, rest with you all, henceforth and forever—Amen.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, Rev. H. T. Darnall, Chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Leave of Absence report as follows:

The following have been excused for late attendance at the present meeting of Synod:

Ministers: T. U. Faucette, L. McKinnon, D.D., E. H. Harding, D.D., E. C. Murray, H. T. Darnall, J, L. McLees, Carr Moore, R. B. Anderson, D.D., P. H. Hoge, D. I. Craig, J. M. McLean, G. D. Parks, P. R. Law, C. H. Wiley, D.D., J. Henry Smith, D.D., W. R. Atkinson.

Ruling Elders: Ro. M. Sloan, Wm. S. Primrose, J. T. Denny.

Excused from attendance at last meeting: A. L. Crawford, Carr Moore, Cornelius Miller, R. W. Boyd, K. McDonald, W. A. McDonald, J. S. Black, J. J. Kennedy, E. P. Davis, P. R. Law.

Excused from attending the present meeting: J. P. McPherson, J. D. Currie, W. H. Davis, Neill McKay, D.D., E. F. Rockwell, D.D., B. L. Beall, J. P. Gammon, and Ruling Elder F. P. Venable.

Leave of Absence has been granted as follows:

After Wednesday.—P. H. Dalton.

After Thursday.—W. F. Thom, C. Miller, J. S. Black, S. C. Rankin, E A. Sample, W. T. Wharton, M. Shaw.

After Friday.—J. N. H. Summerell, J. J. Summerell, J. H. Colton, A. L. Crawford, H. T. Darnall, Joseph Evans, Jno. H. Ballentine, Jno. W.

Moore, T. McConnell, Carr Moore, H. C. Summers, S. R. Neel, G. S. Robinson, T. A. Eppes, L. L. Witherspoon, C. H. Wiley, D.D., E. G. Smith, J. Rumple, D.D., W. B. Tidball, J. A. McLean, R. McDougald, R. M. Sloan, P. R. Law, Jno. E. Brown, M. A. Monroe.

After Saturday Morning.—A. N. Ferguson, L. McNeill, J. P. Bradley, T. C. Ford, D. D. McBryde, D. I. Craig, J. B. Rankin, K. McDonald, R. W. Boyd, A. Currie, J. A. Klutz, J. V. Melchor, K. Matheson, E. C. Murray, W. B. Arrowood, G. L. Cook, F. E. Query, G. D. Parks, D. McLauchlin,, J. M. McLean, D. McIntyre, J. J. Kennedy, Robert Burwell, D.D., C. W. Robinson, D. A. Sloop, J. H. Long, D. S. Caldwell, J. M. Caldwell, J. C. Hutchinson, William Black, J. M. Wharey, W. R. McLelland, S. M. Furr, E. McNeely, A. G. Neel, R. A. Miller, J. D. Morrison, Wm. W. Pharr, E. P. Davis.

After Saturday afternoon.—J. L. Williamson.

Rev. James M. Wharey was elected the Synodical Agent of Sustentation.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the judgment of the Court, in the case of the Appeal of the Rev. D. P. Robinson, Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, Chairman, presented a report which after consideration was adopted and is as follows:

The Special Committee to report an action embodying the sense of the Synod in the appeal against the action of Mecklenburg Presbytery in the case of the *Presbyterian Church in the United States vs. Rev. D. P. Robinson*, would respectfully report as follows:

An analysis of the vote reveals the fact that while the judgment of the Presbytery on the first charge is not confirmed, neither is it absolutely reversed,—the vote for reversal not having a majority over the combined votes not to confirm and to confirm in part. Your Committee interpret this as equivalent to a vote to confirm in part, with intent favorable to the accused; in other words, that while Synod is not prepared to decide his desertion of his wife absolutely justifiable, neither is it prepared to condemn it as necessarily criminal. On the second charge, the judgment of Presbytery is confirmed by a large majority over the vote of those voting not to confirm and to confirm in part. Your Committee accordingly recommend that the Presbytery be instructed to modify its sentence so as to read thus:

The Rev. D. P. Robinson shall remain suspended from the functions

of the ministry until such time as he shall manifest repentance by submitting to the civil authority, and complying with its demands respecting alimony to the best of his ability.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod, Rev. L. C. Vass, Chairman, reported recommending their approval.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report of the Synod of North Carolina to the General Assembly which was received and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES:

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that these consist, in whole of one hundred and fourteen Ministers and two hundred and fifty-three Churches, having under their care six licentiates and thirty-five candidates, viz:

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	CH'CHS	LICENTIATES.	CANDIDATES.
Orange	31	67	2	8
Concord	21	44	2	6
Fayetteville	18	52	1	7
Wilmington	12	36	1	2
Mecklenburg	32	54		12
Total	114	253	6	35

The Synod further reports that its next Stated Meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, on Tuesday the 25th day of October, 1887, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

By order of the Synod:

WM. S. LACY,
Stated Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises, Rev. C. M. Payne, Chairman, reported appointments for religious services on the Sabbath, which report was received and approved.

The Order of the Day was then announced, and the Synod heard an Historical Address from the Rev. J. Henry Smith, D.D., on The Rise, Progress and Prospects of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in accordance with the action taken by the Synod at its last annual meeting (Printed Minutes 1885, pp. 608-609.)

The thanks of the Synod were tendered the Rev. Dr. Smith for his address, and a Committee was raised, consisting of Rev. E. H. Harding, D.D., and Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D., to consider the question of its publication.

It was made the Order of the Day for this afternoon at 3 o'clock, to hear the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

It was made the Order of the Day for this afternoon at 4 o'clock, to hear the Memorials of deceased Ministers.

The election of the Rev. W. S Lacy as the Synodical Agent of Education was reconsidered, and Mr. Lacy was elected the Synodical Agent of Foreign Missions.

The Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain was elected Synodical Agent of Education.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. A. G. Buckner, Chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1886:

I.—TO THE CAUSE OF SUSTENTATION.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery, 36 churches and 2 missions, contributed	$1,284.00
In Orange Presbytery, 50 churches contributed	896.20
In Concord Presbytery, 28 churches contributed	453.00
In Wilmington Presbytery, 25 churches contributed	356.29
In Fayetteville Presbytery, 37 churches contributed	285.87
Total	$3,275.36

Systematic Beneficence—Continued.

II.—TO EVANGELISTIC FUND.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery, 21 churches and 1 mission contributed	$1,264.00
In Orange Presbytery, 50 churches contributed	328.48
In Concord Presbytery, 26 churches contributed	627.00
In Fayetteville Presbytery, 30 churches contributed	249.65
In Wilmington Presbytery, 21 churches contributed	133.20
Total	$3,102.33

III.—TO INVALID FUND.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery, 28 churches contributed	$ 337.00
In Orange Presbytery, 41 churches contributed	308.33
In Wilmington Presbyterv, 22 churches contributed	164.99
In Fayetteville Presbytery, 31 churches contributed	158.95
In Concord Presbytery, 25 churches contributed	124.00
Total	$1,093.27

IV.—TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery, 44 churches and 2 missions contributed	$4,844.00
In Concord Presbytery, 31 churches contributed	2,269.00
In Orange Presbytery, 50 churches contributed	1,980.43
In Fayetteville Presbytery, 46 churches contributed	1,779.80
In Wilmington Presbytery, 24 churches contributed	678.03
Total	$11.551.26

V.—TO EDUCATION.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery, 37 churches and 1 mission contributed	$1,147.00
In Concord Presbytery, 26 churches contributed	893.00
In Orange Presbytery, 40 churches contributed	492.23
In Fayetteville Presbytery, 43 churches contributed	296.12
In Wilmington Presbytery, 23 churches contributed	164.72
Total	$2,993.07

VI.—TO PUBLICATION.

In Orange Presbytery, 36 churches contributed	$ 283.15
In Mecklenburg Presbytery, 20 churches contributed	137.00
In Fayetteville Presbytery, 29 churches contributed	129.47
In Wilmington Presbytery, 22 churches contributed	119.33
In Concord Presbytery, 26 churches contributed	114.00
Total	$ 782.95

Systematic Beneficence—Continued.

VII.—TO COLPORTAGE.

In Fayetteville Presbytery, 20 churches contributed	$ 91.64

VIII.—TO TUSKALOOSA INSTITUTE.

In Orange Presbytery 23 churches contributed	$ 103.68
In Mecklenburg Presbytery, 6 churches contributed	69.00
In Fayetteville Presbytery 16 churches contributed	53.60
In Concord Presbytery, 13 Churches contributed	42.00
Total	$ 268.28

IX.—TO BIBLE CAUSE.

In Orange Presbytery, 7 churches contributed	$ 62.00
In Fayetteville Presbytery, 1 church contributed	3.39
Total	$ 65 39

X.—MISCELLANEOUS.

In Wilmington Presbytery	$ 158.28
In Orange Presbytery	2,520.00
In Mecklenburg Presbytery	1,491.00
In Concord Presbytery	947.00
In Fayetteville Presbytery	504.70
Total	$ 5,620.98
Grand total	$28,844.61

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY.

	MORE.	LESS.
Mecklenburg Presbytery	$1,650.00	
Orange Presbytery	304.00	
Fayetteville Presbytery	1,192.93	
Wilmington Presbytery	3,379.27	
Concord Presbytery		$20.00
	$6,526.20	
	20.00	
Total increase	$6,506.20	

NUMBER OF CHURCHES REPORTED.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery	44
In Concord Presbytery	35
In Orange Presbytery	54
In Fayetteville Presbytery	51
In Wilmington Presbytery	36
Total	220

Systematic Beneficence—Concluded.

NUMBER OF CHURCHES REPORTED WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO ALL THE OBJECTS.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery	3
In Concord Presbytery	10
In Orange Presbytery	23
In Fayetteville Presbytery	11
In Wilmington Presbytery	22(?)
Total in Synod	69

NUMBER OF CHURCHES WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO ONE OR MORE OF THE OBJECTS.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery	41
In Concord Presbytery	25
In Orange Presbytery	31
In Fayetteville Presbytery	40
In Wilmington Presbytery	4
Total	141

NUMBER OF CHURCHES WHICH MADE NO REPORT.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery	10
In Concord Presbytery	5
In Orange Presbytery	8
In Fayetteville Presbytery	
In Wilmington Presbytery	10
Total	33

The Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met and resumed business at the hour appointed.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have printed eleven hundred and fifty copies of the Minutes of the Seventy-Third Annual Session of the Synod.

It was ordered that hereafter the Agent of Publication shall be styled the Agent of Publication and Colportage.

A communication from the "Woman's Temperance Union" was read, and was answered by the statement that

the Synod had already taken action on the matters brought to their attention.

The Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D., was elected the Synodical Agent of Publication and Colportage.

The Rev. John W. Primrose was elected the Synodical Agent of Evangelistic Labor.

The Rev. L. C. Vass was re-elected the Synodical Agent of Sabbath Schools.

The following paper was presented, and on motion referred to the Agent of Education for consideration, and he was requested to report thereon at the next meeting of the Synod, suitable action to be taken by the body. The resolution is as follows :

That Presbyteries be recommended to urge upon their younger candidates the importance for their own development and for the relief of the Church from the burden of their education, of their devoting one or more years during or after their college course to teaching or other work for their own support.

The Order of the Day for the hour was then announced, and the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, the Rev. R. Z. Johnston, was read by the Stated Clerk, which was received and approved.

The following resolution was then presented and adopted unanimously by a rising vote of the Synod :

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with sincere pleasure and gratitude to God, that our Church in North Carolina has another representative in the foreign field, in the appointment of Miss Lily Tidball, a member of Alamance Church, of Orange Presbytery, and daughter of Rev. W. B. Tidball, of Concord Presbytery—lately commissioned to be a missionary to China and now on her way to her chosen field of labor—and the Synod tenderly and earnestly commends Miss Tidball to the gracious care and favor of our Heavenly Father.

The Committee apointed to consider the publication of the Historical Address of the Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. E. H.

Memorials of Deceased Ministers.

Harding, D.D., Chairman, presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Resolved 1*st*. That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the Rev. J. Henry Smith, D.D., for his address on the Rise, Progress and Results of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

Resolved 2*nd*. That if Dr. Smith consents to the request of Synod, the Stated Clerk be directed to publish 500 copies of the Address, and to mail two copies to each of the Ministers and Licentiates on the Roll of the Synod, and that the expenses of publication be paid by the Treasurer of Synod out of the funds in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

The Order of the Day for the hour was then announced, to-wit: the Memorials of Deceased Ministers.

The following Minutes touching the death of Ministers of the Synod, deceased since the last meeting of this body, were reported by the respective Committees, and were heard with serious and respectful attention by the Synod:

Rev. EVANDER McNAIR, D.D.

Synod has heard with mingled feelings of sadness and gratitude, of the last of earth of Rev. Evander McNair, D.D.; sad and sorrowful at such a departure from the church militant; grateful for such a life culminating in the rest that remains for the people of God. Dr. McNair was a native of Robeson county, N. C.; graduated from Union Theological Seminary before reaching his majority; was licensed by the Presbytery of Fayetteville, November 6th, 1832, and ordained by the same the succeeding month. His ministerial life covered more than half a century by three years and two months, thirty-one years of which were spent in the service of the church in his native State, and twenty-two years in the States of Texas, Alabama and Arkansas.

His field of labor in North Carolina covered a large scope of country, in the counties of Cumberland, Moore and Harnett, extending from

the sources of the Lower and Upper Little Rivers to their confluence with the Cape Fear, and east of the same to Black river. In this *broad field* his influence still abides. The recollection of him will never fade from the memory of those who loved and honored him, as friend, counsellor and guide; and his abundant labors, faithful, efficient and successful ministry will remain among the most cherished traditions of the dozen and more churches that he served, either as Pastor or Stated Supply.

In Texas, Alabama and Arkansas, Dr. McNair's labor was signally blessed. His commanding presence, physical and moral courage, his gentlemanly bearing, coupled with his gifts and graces as a preacher, gave him a decided and conceded advantage in a new and frontier country. His stay in Galveston, though short, was longer than that of the two brethren who preceded him combined. The congregation was greatly enlarged, the membership more than doubled, and the house of worship so improved as to be the neatest looking and the most comfortable church in the city.

In less than two years after taking charge of the Church in Eufaula, Alabama, the membership more than quadrupled. The war between the States terminated his work in this field, and he accepted the first appointment under Mr. Davis to the chaplaincy of the first regiment mustered into the Confederate service.

In Arkansas Dr. McNair found a field suited to his tastes, and demanding his best efforts. After a short trial he writes: "When I look upon the broad field before me ready for the sickle, I am almost tempted to wish myself young again, ready to enter for the harvest. I have just completed one year of hard and laborious service in Arkansas, and I can truthfully say that I have never before in my ministry witnessed such immediate and encouraging results." These arduous labors continued unabated eleven more successive years.

Under a sad and afflictive Providence, he writes: "I have just finished my half century in trying to preach, and *even now* I feel more anxious to labor in my Master's cause than ever before. I must, however, be satisfied—if my work is done. It has been *poorly, poorly* done. Yet I have *done my best.*"

A sketch of the life and labors of Dr. McNair would be simply a narative of his ministerial work. The pulpit was his throne, and when out of it all his powers and resources were under tribute in preparation for it. His study and reading were eminently sermonic. While he was always fully abreast with the work of the Church in all her aggres-

sive movements and benevolent enterprises, he never found time for close study and general reading. He did not know, or *care* to know, much about any other theology than that which he found in the Bible, and its great fundamental truths no man honored more in his heart, in his life and in his ministry than Dr. McNAIR. As a preacher he felt the dignity of his profession, recognized his responsibility as a messenger of God, and wrought with all his might to make his ministry worthy of the truth he inculcated, and worthy of the Master whom he served.

Dr. McNAIR'S unselfish devotion to the Master and his cause cannot be too highly commended. Few, even of his brethren in the ministry, know anything of his exhaustive labors and generous sacrifices in our Lord's Vineyard, in and out of his special field of labor. He has been known to spend hundreds of dollars in a single year, from his private means, *mainly* in work not connected with his immediate charge. In that honest and truthful period of our existence, in the *shade* of the *past* and on the verge of the invisible and eternal, he could thus write: "I can now say honestly, after a review of all my labors in the different fields I have occupied, that however my people may have regarded me, I have never sought the emoluments of the world any farther than to minister to my wants and augment my means of usefulness." He was often urged by brethren and friends east and west of the Mississippi to *rest*, as a duty which he owed to the Church no less than to himself. His uniform reply was, "There is no vacation for a "man in ordinary health with such abundant work before him."

Dr. McNAIR, was one of the manliest of men; generous, sincere, true and noble in all his intercourse in all the relations of life. A *pure patriot as well*, and an unchanging friend. *More and better still*, he was a genuine Christian man, *not demonstrative*. His religion had its root in his own consciousness and in his heart, regulated by the sure word of God which liveth and abideth forever.

REV. PETER TINSLEY PENICK.

In the allwise, but inscrutable providence of God, this Synod is called upon to record the death of another of our honored and beloved ministers, the Rev. PETER TINSLEY PENICK, who was called to rest from his labors, on the 29th of March, 1886, in the 60th year of his age, and

36th of his ministry—twenty-four of which were spent in the bounds of this Synod.

This Synod would desire to put on record their high appreciation of his life, character and usefulness, and perpetuate the memory of the following striking traits of his character:

He was marked for his conscientiousness, sincerity, integrity, firmness, spiritual-mindedness and devotion to the cause of Christ. He was a fine theologian; a bold defender of the truth, and fearless in his assaults upon errors in life or doctrine.

He was a faithful student of the *word* and the standards of our Church, and a clear, vigorous and decided thinker and writer. As a minister, he was industrious and laborious, working "in season and out of season"—in the study, in the pulpit, through the press and from house to house.

He was an earnest, sound, doctrinal and practical preacher, always pointed and instructive, "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

As a presbyter, punctual in his attendance upon Church Courts; well-informed, influential, valuable, and much beloved by the brethren. We bless God for this gift to His Church, and now that he has removed, we would bow with humble submission to His will and say, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

After the conclusion of the reading of these minutes, each paper was unanimously adopted by the rising vote of Synod, and commemorative remarks were made by different brethren. After which the Synod engaged in prayer to Almighty God, these devotions being led by the Rev. Martin McQueen.

The Stated Clerk was directed to transmit to the families of the deceased brethren copies of the memorials adopted, with the expression of the sympathy of the Synod, and to make the customary Memorial Record in the Book of Minutes.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:

The Synod of North Carolina desires to express its sincere appreciation of the courteous and elegant hospitality so gracefully extended, and so delightful to its members during the session of this body in the

Adjournment.

Presbyterian Church in the town of Concord, and hereby tenders its cordial thanks for the thoughtful attentions and hearty kindness of the members of the church and congregation and the citizens of the community. The Synod further desires to place on record its grateful recognition of the fraternal courtesies of the Pastors of other Churches. The Synod also returns thanks for the favors shown by railway authorities; and asks the publication of this resolution in the paper of the town.

The roll was called before final adjournment, and none found to be absent without leave.

The Minutes of the Fifth day's Session were read and approved.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, N. C., on Tuesday, the 25th day of October, 1887, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

JOHN W. PRIMROSE, *Moderator.*

J. A. RAMSAY, C. W. ROBINSON, } *Temporary Clerks.*

A true copy from the records.

ATTEST: WM. S. LACY, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

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A.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange reports:

1.—31 Ministers; 67 Churches; 2 Licentiates; 8 Candidates; 4,370 Communicants, thirty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-four dollars and fifty-eight cents ($35,854.58); aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1886, being $4,248.58 than was raised the year before.

2.—387 Members were added to the Churches during the year.

3.—Ministers received—none.

4.—Ministers transferred—none.

5.—Churches received or organized—none.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7.—Licentiates received—none.

8.—1 Licentiate transferred, viz: Turner A. Wharton, to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, May 12, 1886.

9.—4 Candidates received, viz: J. P. Paisley, May 11, J. E. Thacker and Chas. Wharton, Sept. 2, and J. J. Harrell, M. D., October 2, 1886.

10. Candidates transferred—none.

11.—Ministers died—none.

12.—1 Ordination, viz: Mr. Egbert W. Smith, ordained as Evangelist, Oct. 3, 1886.

13.—3 Installations, viz: Rev. Carr Moore, at Nutbush, 3d Sabbath of July; at Oak Hill, on 4th Sabbath of August, Rev. E. H. Harding, D.D., at Graham, Sept. 21, 1886.

14.—Dissolutions of Pastoral Relations—none.

15.—2 Licensures, viz: Turner A. Wharton and Egbert W. Smith, May 12, 1886.

16.—26 Ministers in charge of 42 Churches; 21 Pastors; 3 Stated Supplies; 2 Evangelists; 0 Licentiates.

17.—15 Churches vacant.

18.—$736.50, average Salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.

19.—16 Manses, aggregate value, $39,300.

20.—No Minister or Church in 24 Counties.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Newbern, N. C., on Wednesday before 3d Sabbath in April, 1887.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Milton Church, 4th day of October, 1886.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord reports:

1.—21 Ministers; 44 Churches; 2 Licentiates; 6 Candidates; 3,881 Communicants; and twenty-three thousand six hundred and forty dollars ($23,640), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1886, being $1,260 less than was raised the year before.

2.—178 Members were added to the Churches during the year; one ex-communication.

3.—2 Ministers were received, viz: W. R. McLelland, June 25, 1886, and W. B. Tidball, Oct. 24, 1885.

4.—Ministers transferred—none.

5.—3 Churches organized, viz: Turkey Cove, May 3d, 1886, Forest, Nov. 1st, 1885, and Lebanon, Nov. 8th, 1885.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7.—Licentiates received—none.

8.—Licentiates transferred—none.

9.—3 Candidates received, viz: C. M. Tidball, April 15th, 1886, J. E. L. Winecoff, June 25th 1886, and Robert E. Lentz, Sept. 8th, 1886.

10.—Candidates transferred—none.

11.—1 Minister died, viz; Peter Tinsley Penick, March 29th, 1886.

12.—1 Ordination, viz: R. S. Arrowood, June 26th, 1886.

13.—4 Installations, viz: Rev. E. C. Murray over Siloam and Old Fort, Nov. 29th, 1885, over Marion, Dec. 14th, 1885; Rev. R. S. Arrowood, over Bethphage, June, 25th, 1886.

14.—1 Dissolution of Pastoral relations, viz: J. M. Wherey, Rocky River, June 26th, 1886.

15.—1 Licensure, viz: C. M. Tidball, April, 19th, 1886.

16.—15 Ministers in charge of 35 Churches; 13 Pastors; 2 Stated Supplies; 1 Evangelist; 2 Licentiates; 1 Foreign Missionary; 1 President of College.

17.—4 Churches vacant.

18.—$855, average salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.

19.—14 Manses, aggregate value, $21,700.

20.—No Minister or church in 6 Counties, viz: Yadkin, Yancey, Mitchell, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Salisbury, N. C., on the 7th day of April, 1887.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: WILLIAM W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

Marion Church, 11th day of Sept. 1886.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports:

1.—18 Ministers; 52 Churches; 1 Licentiate; 7 Candidates; 4,599 Communicants; and thirteen thousand six hundred and thirty-two dollars ($13,632), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1886, being $1,899 less than was raised the year before.

2.—529 Members were added to the Churches during the year.

3.—Ministers received—none.

4.—1 Minister transferred, viz: Rev. Roger Martin, to Presbytery of Bethel.

5.—1 Church organized, viz: Jonesboro, 5th Dec. 1885.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7.—Licentiates received—none.

8.—Licentiates transferred—none.

9.—1 Candidate received, viz: D. N. McLauchlin, 4th April, 1885.

10.—Candidates transferred—none.

11.—1 Minister died, viz: Rev. Evander McNair, D.D.

12.—Ordinations—none.

13.—2 Installations, viz: Rev. Joseph Evans and Ashpole, 1st July, and Rev. Joseph Evans and Iona, 22d July, 1885.

14.—2 Dissolutions of Pastoral relations, viz: Rev. Roger Martin and Centre, Rev. Roger Martin and Shoe Heel.

15.—Licensures—none.

16.—18 Ministers in charge of 45 Churches; 7 Pastors; 8 Stated Supplies; 1 Evangelist, 1 Licentiate.

17.—7 Churches vacant.

Statistical Reports—Continued. Fayetteville. Wilmington.

18.—$550, average salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.

19.—2 Manses, aggregate value, $3,000.

20.—No Minister or Church in ... Counties.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Bethel, on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in April, 1886.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington reports:

1.—12 Ministers; 36 Churches; 1 Licentiate; 2 Candidates; 2,111 Communicants; and fifteen thousand one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and forty-nine cents ($15,158,49), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1886; being $3,379.27 more than was raised the year before.

2.—250 Members were added to the Churches during the year.

3.—1 Minister was received, viz: P. H. Hoge, 23d January, 1886.

4.—2 Ministers were transferred, viz: Rev. J. M. Rose to Enoree Presbytery, on 13th April, 1886, and Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, to Presbytery of Nashville, the 16th of Sept. 1886.

5.—Churches received or organized—none.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7.—Licentiates received—none.

8.—Licentiates transferred—none.

9.—1 Candidate received, viz: L. E. Willis, March the 25th, 1886.

10.—Candidates transferred—none.

11.—Ministers died—none.

12.—1 Ordination, viz: John Dickson, Stanford, Sept. 18th, 1886.

13.—2 Installations, viz: Rev. P. H. Hoge, First Church, Wilmington, 24th January, 1886, and Rev. A. L. Phillips, Duplin Road, 2nd October, 1885.

14.—2 Dissolutions of Pastoral relations, viz: Rev. A. McFadyen and South River Chapel, March 25th, and Rev. John M. Rose and Goldsboro Church, 13th April, 1886.

15.—1 Licensure, viz: John Dickson, Stanford, Nov. 4th, 1885.

16.—12 Ministers in charge of 21 Churches; 6 Pastors; 6 Stated Supplies; 3 (part of time) Evangelists; 1 Licentiate.

17.—5 Churches vacant.

Statistical Reports—Continued. Wilmington. Mecklenburg.

18.—$803.23, average salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.

19.—3 Manses, aggregate value, $8,500.

20.—No Minister or Church in 1 County, viz: Brunswick.

21—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Kenansville, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in April, 1887, at 7:30 P. M.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: A. McFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

Caswell Church, 18th September, 1886.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports:

1.—32 Ministers; 54 Churches; no Licentiates; 12 Candidates; 5,502 Communicants; and fifty thousand four hundred and eighty-six dollars ($50,486), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1886, being $10,771 more than was raised the year before.

2.—648 Members were added to the Churches during the year—425 Ex. 223 Cr.

3.—Ministers received—none.

4.—5 Ministers were transferred, viz: A. P. Nicholson, to South Carolina Presbytery, May 1st, 1886, W. A. Dabney, to Lexington Presbytery, June 29th, 1886, J. P. Gammon, Roanoke Presbytery, September 30th, 1886, J. E. Fogartie, Sept. 30th, 1886, to South Carolina Presbytery, N. M. Woods, to Charleston Presbytery, September 30th, 1886.

5.—Churches received or organized—none.

6.—Transferred or dissolved, viz: name of Lebanon Church changed to *Morven*, October 1st, 1886, in Anson County.

7.—1 Licentiate received, viz: T. A. Wharton, from Orange Presbytery, September 30th, 1886.

8.—Licentiates transferred—none.

9.—4 Candiates received, viz: J. B. Swann, H. M. Dixon, G. W. Belk, September 2d, 1886, R. A. Torrance, September 30th, 1886.

10.—Candidates transferred—none.

11.—Ministers died—none.

12.—3 Ordinations, viz: J. L. McLees, October 30th, 1885, J. C. Oehler, and T. A. Wharton, October 1st, 1886.

13.—2 Installations, viz: J. L. McLees and Providence Church, October, 30th, 1886, W. E. McIlwain (half time) at Gastonia Church, June, 1886.

14.—3 Dissolutions of Pastoral relations, viz: A. M. Watson and Huntersville Church, June, 1886, and Ramah Church, June, 1886; N. M. Woods and Charlotte Second Church, June, 1886.

15.—1 Licensure, viz: J. C. Oehler, April 30th, 1886.

16.—21 Ministers in charge of 30 Churches; 12 Pastors; 6 Stated Supplies; 4 Evangelists; no Licentiates.

17.—13 Churches vacant.

18.—$782, average salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.

19.—16 Manses, aggregate value, $30,000.

20.—No Minister or Church in 4 Counties, viz: Jackson, Graham, Madison, Cherokee.

21—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Rutherfordton on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1887.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Morven Church, 1st day of October, 1886.

B.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1886:

1.—50	Churches	contributed	to	Sustentation	$ 896 28
2.—50	"	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	828 48
3.—41	"	"	"	Invalid Fund	308 33
4.—50	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	1,980 43
5.—40	"	"	"	Education	492 23
6.—36	"	"	"	Publication	283 15
7.—	"	"	"	Colportage	
8.—23	"	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute	103 68
9.— 7	"	"	"	Bible Cause	62 00
10.—	"	"	"	Miscellaneous	2,520 00
Total					$7,474 58

Systematic Beneficence—Continued. Concord.

Being $304 more than was raised the year before. 54 Churches reported, and 23 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 31 to one or more of them. 8 Churches made no report, viz: Calah, Croatan, Fairfield, Haywood, LaGrange, Mount Airy, Worthville and Yanceyville.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Milton Church, 4th day of October, 1886.

II.—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1886:

1.—28	Churches	contributed	to	Sustentation	$ 453 00
2.—26	"	"	"	Evangelical Fund	627 00
3.—25	"	"	"	Invalid Fund	124 00
4.—32	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	2,269 00
5.—26	"	"	"	Education	893 00
6.—26	"	"	"	Publication	114 00
7.—	"	"	"	Colportage	
8.—13	"	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute	42 00
9.—	"	"	"	Bible Cause	
10.—	"	"	"	Miscellaneous	947 00
Total					$5,469 00

Being $20 less than was raised the year before. 35 Churches reported and 10 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 25 to one or more of them. 5 Churches made no report, viz: Clio, Bethel, Drusilla, Wilksboro, Tabor.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: WM. W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

Marion Church, 9th day of Sept., 1886.

Systematic Beneficence—Continued. Fayetteville. Wilmington.

III.—THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1886:

1.—37	Churches	contributed	to	Sustentation	$ 285 87
2.—30	"	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	249 65
3.—31	"	"	"	Invalid Fund	158 95
4.—46	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	1,779 80
5.—43	"	"	"	Education	296 12
6.—29	"	"	"	Publication	129 47
7.—20	"	"	"	Colportage	91 64
8.—16	"	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute	53 60
9.— 1	"	"	"	Bible Cause	3 39
10.—14	"	"	"	Miscellaneous	504 70
	Total				$3,553 19

Being $1,192.93 more than was raised the year before. 51 Churches reported and 11 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 40 to one or more of them. All Churches made report. Though the reports are still incomplete, there has been very gratifying increase in contributions, and more systematic efforts are made to secure collections.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

Laurinburgh Church, 1st day of October, 1886.

IV.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1886.

1.—25	Churches	contributed	to	Sustentation	$ 356 29
2.—21	"	"	"	Evangelistic Labor	133 20
3.—22	"	"	"	Invalid Fund	164 99
4.—24	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	678 03
5.—23	"	"	"	Education	164 72
6.—22	"	"	"	Publication	119 33
7.—24	"	"	"	Presbyterial	302 88
8.—25	"	"	"	Pastor's Salary	9,638 77
9.—12	"	"	"	Congregational	3,742 00
10.— 4	"	"	"	Miscellaneous	158 28
	Total				$15,458 49

Systematic Beneficence—Concluded. Wilmington. Mecklenburg.

Being $3,379.27 more than was raised the year before. 26 Churches reported; 22 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 4 to one or more of them. 10 Churches made no report, viz: Caswell, Chinquepin, Cobb's Mills, Newport, North River, Mt. Olive, Seminary, Warsaw, White Plains and White Hall.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: A. McFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

Caswell Church 18th, September, 1886.

V.—PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1886:

1.—36	Churches	contributed	to Sustentation and 2 Missions..	$ 1,284 00
2.—21	"	"	" Evangelistic Fund, 1 "	1,264 00
3.—28	"	"	" Invalid Fund.....	337 00
4.—44	"	"	" Foreign Missions, 2 Missions..	4,844 00
5.—37	"	"	" Education, 1 " ...	1,147 00
6.—20	"	"	" Publication	137 00
7.—	"	"	" Colportage	
8.— 6	"	"	" Tuskaloosa Institute.....	69 00
9.—	"	"	" Bible Cause.....	
10—30	"	"	" Miscellaneous.....	1,491 00
			Total.....	$10,573 00

Bing $1,650 more than was raised the year before. 44 Churches reported, and 3 of them contributed to all of the objects conducted by the Church, and 41 to one or more of them. 10 Churches made no report, viz: King's Mountain, Machpelah, Hephzibah, Sandy Plains, Hendersonville, Duncan's Creek, Swannanoa, Red Oak, Oak Forest, Hiwassee.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Shelby Church, 1st day May, 1886.

C.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN VIRGINIA, 1886.

The Board of Trustees of the Union Theological Seminary, under the care of the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, respectfully submit the following report:

The Corporation held their annual meeting on the 4th and 5th of May, 1886, eighteen out of the twenty-four Trustees being present.

They have been called since the last meeting to mourn the loss by death of two of the oldest and most valuable members of the Board—namely, Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., and Judge F. N. Watkins; both of them eminent for their abilities and usefulness, and the latter the trusted and efficient Treasurer and Secretary of the Board for about forty years.

The vacancy in the treasurership has been filled by the selection of Col. J. P. Fitzgerald, of Farmville, Va.

The Rev. Charles White, D.D., was at the same time elected Secretary of the Corporation.

The total number of students in attendance during the session was 52. The Senior Class numbered 14 members, 12 of whom were awarded the diploma of the institution, as follows: James E. Bear, William S. Campbell, D. P. Junkin, Thos. Mowbray, L. H. Paul, E. W. Smith, W. D. Spurlin, J. J. Vance, R. A. Walton, T. A. Wharton, Wm. C. White, and John E. Wool.

There were 24 matriculations during the term—19 in the Junior Class, 4 in the Middle, and 1 in the Senior. The students represent 12 States, 23 Presbyteries, and 15 Literary Institutions. The Board is gratified in being able to report that the character of the work done in the several departments of instruction by the Professors, and the fidelity and deportment of the students during the term just closed justify the highest commendation and praise; and in particular the evil of absenteeism, complained of in the last year's report, the Board is happy to say, has been greatly reduced, and that the members of the Senior Class, with two exceptions, for cause, were all present at the end of the term.

Union Theological Seminary.

The health of the Professors and students, except in the case of Prof. Latimer has been uniformly good. Professor Latimer, under advice of physicians, did not attend his classes for three months previous to the close of the session, but he is now believed to be almost entirely restored, and the reasonable hope is cherished of his full resumption of the work of his department at the opening of the next term.

The finances of the Institution are in their usually sound and healthful condition. A statement of the same is appended to this report.

A legacy devised without restriction, by David Baylor of Augusta county, Virginia, amounting to $8,000, will be available in the course of the current year.

The agency for the endowment of the fifth professorship is still maintained, considerable additions having been made during the year to the subscription list. The Library receives additions of books from year to year, purchased by the proceeds of invested funds. Besides donations of 59 volumes 130 volumes were added by purchase since the last report. The Library has an invested fund of $8,000, yielding an income of $480.

In conclusion, the Trustees, upon a calm review of the Seminary year, would record their grateful sense of the goodness and mercy of God in favor shown to them, and to this school of the Prophets committed to their care, and humbly invoke the continued divine help and blessing through the coming years.

J. J. BULLOCK, *President.*

CHARLES WHITE, *Secretary.*

Worsham, Va.

APPENDIX.

The officers of the Corporation for 1886-'87 are as follows:

Rev. W. T. Richardson, D.D., of Richmond, Va., President.

Rev. W. E. McIlwain and B. F. Hall, of North Carolina, Vice-Presidents.

Col. J. P. Fitzgerald, of Farmville, Va., Treasurer.

Rev. Charles White, D.D., of Worsham, Va., Vice-Treasurer and Secretary.

Faculty.—Rev. B. M. Smith, D.D.: T. E. Peck, D.D.; H. C. Alexander, D.D.; J. F. Latimer, D.D., and W. W. Moore, D.D.

The title of the Corporation is: "THE TRUSTEES OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN VIRGINIA."

The next Session begins on 1st of September, 1886, and closes the 4th of May, 1887.

The Post-office address of Faculty and students is "Hampden Sidney, Va."

The Post-office address of Treasurer is Farmville, Va., and of the Secretary is Worsham, Va.

CHARLES WHITE, *Secretary.*

D.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

In my report to Synod, October, 1885—at Reidsville—giving statement of receipts and disbursements to that date, the account was balanced, and I have opened a new account in a new book, sent herewith with my vouchers for the inspection of the Synod.

Receipts

Assessment on Mecklenburg Presbytery, 1885	$ 45 00
Orange Presbytery, balance for 1885	66 55
Concord " " "	45 00
Wilmington " " 1886	30 00
Total	$186 55

Disbursements.

Paid E. M. Uzzell, printing and mailing docket for 1885	$ 11 00
Paid W. S. Lacy, Stated Clerk, salary and account, from Oct., 1884, to October, 1885	93 00
Balance on hand	82 55
	$186 55

At this date the following sums are due :

From Fayetteville Presbytery for 1885	$50 00
" " " " 1886	50 00
" Mecklenburg " " "	45 00
" Concord " " "	45 00
" Orange " " "	75 00

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE H. LINDSAY, *Treasurer*

Greensboro, N. C. Oct. 4th, 1886.

E.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES SYNOD.

To the Synod of North Carolina, held at Concord Oct., 1886:

The Trustees of your venerable body respectfully report that there has not been brought to the attention of the Trustees any business requiring action by them, since their last report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Brown, *Chairman.*

F.

STATISTICS OF REPORTS OF SYNODICAL AGENTS.

I.—SUSTENTATION.

Report to Synod, at Concord, October 5th, 1886, as follows:

1*st. As to Ministerial Support:*—Synod has Ordained Ministers, 116; Laboring Ministers, 95; Licentiates, 11; Churches, 253. Pays in salaries according to Assembly's Minutes, $66,189.

	Laboring Ministers	Communicants.	Pays.
Concord	15	3,881	$11,971
Fayetteville	17	4,924	9,343
Mecklenburg	26	5,506	17,778
Orange	26	4,370	18,777
Wilmington	11	2,111	8,318
Synod	95	20,792	$66,189

Average Salary Actually Paid: In Concord Presbytery, $798; in Fayetteville, $549; in Mecklenburg, $683; in Orange, $722; in Wilmington, $756; Synod, $696.

The Synod has only 95 Ministers actively engaged in the work of preaching the gospel, as Pastors, Supplies or Evangelists. The remaining 21 ordained Ministers are either infirm, or are engaged in teaching and mission labors within our borders or outside our bounds. The

average salary reported has been obtained by considering only Ministers preaching to charges within their Presbyteries, and the amount mentioned in the Assembly's Minutes as actually paid them.

The average salary paid in the Synod, thus estimated is $74 more than it was last year. The whole amount paid 95 Laboring Ministers this year exceeds that paid 97 Laboring Ministers last year, by $5,817.

The average salary paid has increased in every Presbytery except Wilmington.

The support obtained by Ministers in the Synod exceeds this average, because some are promised more than the Assembly's Minutes report as paid, and the amounts received by Ministers who preach occasionally but are mainly employed as Colporteurs, Evangelists, Professors, and Teachers, are not embraced in the estimate. If, too, the salaries paid in our larger towns and cities were excluded, the average salary paid by country charges in some of our Presbyteries would be greatly reduced. Still, after making all proper allowances, figures show that the cause of Ministerial Support has made encouraging progress during the past year. Yet the contributions to the support of the ministry amounts to about $3.13 per communicant, and the average salary actually paid Working Ministers in the Synod, $696, is less than can be earned by any good mechanic.

As measures adapted to elevate the standard of ministerial support, your Agent would suggest:

1st. That our people be instructed more fully in the scriptural doctrines, that we are God's Stewards, that we should support the gospel "as the Lord has prospered us," and that "they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

2nd. That Presbyteries group feeble Churches into self-sustaining charges, as far as possible hold these charges together when wisely made, and require them to sustain the same Pastor.

3rd. That Presbyteries exercise a sound judgment in settling Ministers over Churches, only when there is a reasonable prospect of maintenance, and the Churches offer terms according with their ability.

4th. That Presbyteries exercise a strict oversight of Churches in seeing that the contracts made by their authority are faithfully and promptly carried out, and in changing the terms of ministerial service when demanded by altered circumstances.

Such measures, practically adopted by our Presbyteries, we believe would greatly aid the efficiency of our Ministers, and tend to raise the standard of Ministerial Support to a degree approved by the Master.

2nd. As to Sustentation: The relation of our Presbyteries to the Assembly's Committee of Home Missions in conducting this work, is as follows:

Concord does not co-operate as a Presbytery, though individuals or churches within its bounds have contributed to Assembly's Treasurer for Sustentation, $4.00.

Fayetteville gives 25 per cent. of its receipts for Sustentation.

Mecklenburg contributes 10 per cent. of its collections.

Orange sends all its receipts to the Assembly's Treasury and draws from it what its own churches require.

Wilmington adopts the same plan as Orange.

The contributions to Sustentation and the disbursements have been as follows:

	Cause.	Assembly's Committee.	Received.	Disbursements.
Concord contributed.....	$ 453	$ 4	.....	$ 453
Fayetteville "	286	76	.....	120
Mecklenburg "	1,284	25	.....	250
Orange "	896	749	357	400
Wilmington "	427	410	325	200
Synod "	$3,346	$1,264	$ 682	$2,423

During the past year all our Presbyteries contributed to the Assembly's Treasury more than they drew from it, and the sum placed in that Treasury exceeded the amount withdrawn by $582. The contributions to Sustentation in the Synod during the past year also is in advance of those in the preceeding year, $215.

The Home Missions' Committee of the Assembly states that $35,000 will be needed for the cause of Sustentation during the coming year. As we have 13 Synods, and ours is one of the strongest, the Synod of North Carolina should raise at least $4,000 of the amount required, and this would be an average of $800 to the Presbytery. If this amount was apportioned in each Presbytery by its Home Missions' Committee, by the first week in January, 1886, among its churches, according to ability, with the earnest co-operation of Ministers, Sessions and Deacons, this sum could be contributed.

The Synod has 9 more Churches than it had last year. It has 28 vacant Churches, or 10 less than last year.

Concord has 5 vacant Churches, Fayetteville 7, Mecklenburg 1, Orange 9 and Wilmington 6. Some Churches reported as vacant in the Assembly's Minutes have been supplied since last spring.

In the Synod during the year 11 Church buildings have been begun, completed, or repaired. In Concord, 1; Fayetteville, 3; Mecklenburg, 3; Orange, 1; Wilmington, 3.

Some progress has been made in securing Manses. Concord has 9, 1 gained; Fayetteville, 2; Mecklenburg, 18, 2 gained; Orange, 13; Wilmington, 3; Synod, 45.

3d. As to Invalid Fund: Respecting this fund, the Presbyteries of Fayetteville, Orange and Wilmington, co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. Concord and Mecklenburg act independently, though $820 was contributed for this cause to the Assembly's Treasury by certain Churches in the former, and $141.30 by some Churches in the latter Presbytery.

The contributions and disbursements have been as follows

	Cause.	Assembly's Committee.	Received.	Disbursements.
Concord contributed	$ 124	$ 8	$.....	$ 145
Fayetteville "	176	176	.....	.....
Mecklenburg "	337	141	.....	130
Orange "	296	296	140	140
Wilmington "	156	156	117	117
Synod	$1089	$ 777	$ 257	$ 532

Aided in Concord, 2 persons; Fayetteville, 0; Mecklenburg, 2 families; Orange, 1 person and 2 families; Wilmington, 1 family; Synod, 2 persons and 5 families.

II.—EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of 1819, in establishing the Central Board of Education declared, "That it (shall) be the object of this Education Board, and its auxiliaries, to assist the young men under their patronange and direction, to obtain all parts of an education necessary to their introduction into the pulpit, including both their ecclesiastical and theological course." The object of our General and Presbyterial

Committees of Education is the same, and hence it is the duty of the Agent of the Synod to bring to the attention of the Churches what is doing in that direction, and to recommend such action as further the great object of the education of young men for the Gospel Ministry. Let us consider then:

I.—OUR CADIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

The number of candidates for the ministry has been steadily increasing for a number of years. In 1882 our General Assembly had only 160 candidates, then 199, 234, 247, and this year 269, or an increase of 109 in four years.

In the Synod of North Carolina the increase has not been so regular, In 1884 and 1885, we have the same number, *i. e.* 21; but in 1886 there are 26. These are distributed as follows: Concord has 4, an increase of 2; Fayetteville 7, an increase of 1; Mecklenburg 8, an increase of 2; Orange 5, a decrease of 1; Wilmington 2, an increase of 1. Each Presbytery has gained one or more, except Orange, which has decreased by one.

In looking over the reports of the General Assembly, and comparing the number of candidates with the number of churches, we gather the following facts: In Nashville Synod it requires an average of 4 churches to furnish 1 candidate; in Synod of Virginia, 6 churches give 1; Kentucky, 6 churches give 1; Mississippi, 7 churches give 1; Alabama, 7 churches give 1; Missouri, 8 churches give 1; Arkansas, 9 churches give 1; North Carolina, 9 churches give 1; Georgia, 11 churches give 1; South Georgia and Florida, 16 churches give 1; Memphis, 16 churches give 1; South Carolina, 16 churches give 1; Texas, 19 churches give 1.

It is thus seen that Nashville Synod furnishes the highest average, one candidate to every four churches, while Texas furnishes the lowest average. As usual, our Synod occupies a middle position, with very slight fluctuation. It appears to your Agent that this average could be raised and ought to be raised, all over our churches. Every Minister should aim to have at least one candidate out of his church, or pastoral charge. This would give us in North Carolina 116 candidates instead of 26, and in our whole Church about 1,000, instead of 269—nearly five times as many.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Last year the contributions to this cause amounted to $5,308; the year before to $5,296, being an increase of only $12. This year the contributions amounted to $3,056; being a decrease of $2,252. These

contributions are distributed as follows: Concord contributed $893; Fayetteville, $396; Mecklenburg, $1,147; Orange, $488; Wilmington, $132. The cause of these small contributions will be seen from the fact that 21 of the 41 churches of Concord Presbytery gave nothing to this cause, 23 of the 52 churches of Fayetteville gave nothing, 28 of the 54 churches of Mecklenburg gave nothing, 27 of the 67 churches of Orange gave nothing, and 17 of the 36 churches of Wilmington gave nothing. That is, 116 of the 250 churches of the Synod, for some reason or other, failed to contribute to this important cause. The chief reason of these failures doubtless was that the Ministers and Church Sessions did not think it worth while to present the cause to the people. And perhaps the reason they thought so little of it was that the Presbyterial Agents failed to urge the claims of that cause.

OUR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING

may claim our attention for a short time, at the close of this report.

UNION SEMINARY

has had another year of successful work. During a portion of the time Dr. Latimer was disabled by sickness, but his studies were faithfully taught by the other Professors. Happily he has been restored to health and is at his post. The present year promises to be one of progress in many directions. With all the Professors at work, with added experience in teaching, an increased number of students, improved library, an addition to the number of buildings, and a Financial Agent adding to the endowment fund, we have every reason to be satisfied with the present outlook.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

has entered upon her semi-centennial year, with cheering prospects. Our President one year ago had just entered vigorously upon his work. The burden of teaching, governing and representing the College abroad was too much for even his vigorous constitution, and in a few months his health partially failed. Yet in pain and weakness he discharged his duties, and the College has rarely, if ever, had a more successful year. The number of students, instead of falling to 60 or 70, as was feared by some, rose from 98 to 115. And this year the number of students is already 114, and will probably rise to 125 before the close of the term. And now with the health of the President greatly improved, and with the addition of Dr. Currell in the Chair of English, in which direction he has made special attainments, it is believed that

the College furnishes most excellent facilities for improvement in English studies to its students. Thus a long-felt want has been happily supplied.

In addition to this the Trustees have appointed an Agent, Rev. Dr. J. B. Mack, who is directed to visit all our churches for the purpose of awakening a deeper interest in the College, and with the purpose of raising $50,000 of additional endowment. As soon as the income of the College will justify it, it is the purpose of the Trustees to establish a full department of Biblical study. Dr. Mack and his agency are cordially commended to the confidence and liberality of all our Christian people.

Through the labors of the Agent during the past year, and the judicious re-investment of funds, the endowment of the College now amounts to about $106,000, all invested in safe securities, while several thousands of solvent subscriptions have been received.

Arrangements have been made to celebrate, at next commencement, the semi-centenary of the College with appropriate ceremonies, and it is hoped that the alumni and friends of the College will attend and participate in the interesting exercises.

With such facilities for classical and theological education, your Agent believes that what we now most need is a larger number of good classical schools. One great hindrance to the increase of candidates for the ministry lies in the scarcity of classical schools. The various branches of trade, manufacture and railroading, furnish such inviting openings to enterprising young men, who think themselves capable of higher work than the farm affords, that they will rush into them unless high schools and facilities for a higher education are furnished. If we would have the benefit of the talents of these aspiring young men, it will be necessary for the Church to render it possible for them to tread the paths of learning and thus fit themselves for the noble work of preaching the gospel.

III.—PUBLICATION.

In the absence of the Agent of Publication, the Agent *pro tempore* would report such facts as have come within his reach:

The five Presbyteries under our jurisdiction have contributed to the cause of Publication for the year ending April 1, 1886, as follows: Fayetteville Presbytery, with its 51 Churches, contributed $123; Concord, 44 Churches, contributed $292; Mecklenburg, 54 Churches, con-

tributed $137; Orange, 60 Churches, contributed $282; Wilmington, 36 Churches, contributed $119—aggregate, $952. It is humiliating that not more than one-third of our Churches are reported as giving anything to the support of this important branch of the Church's work.

IV.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of North Carolina, in session at Concord, the Agent of Foreign Missions presents the following report for the year ending March 31st, 1886:

The year we review has been one of healthy progress and hopeful indications in the missionary department; the field of operations has been enlarged till Japan has a Mission. The contributions have been larger, an evangelical public sentiment has been developed, wiser and more practical co-operation is increasing in our own and other Churches, and the offerings of the people represented in this Synod have increased, till one Presbytery (Mecklenburg) stands first in contributions, having sent to the Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions, during the year ending March 31st, 1886, more money than any other Presbytery in our Southern Church—having been visited and encouraged by the Rev. J. W. Davis, D.D., a member of this Synod in the service abroad.

STATISTICS.

According to the report of the Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions, for the year ending March 31st, 1886, the Synod of North Carolina contributed in cash, $10,434; being $806 *more* than was raised the year before. Mecklenburg Presbytery, $3,477, increase $518; Concord Presbytery, $2,510, increase $289; Orange Presbytery, $1,976, increase $274; Fayetteville Presbytery, $1,728, decrease, $143; Wilmington Presbytery, $643, decrease, $190; Synodical collection, $50, at Reidsville.

EFFORTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery, 12 Sunday Schools raised $401; Concord, 11 raised $212; Orange, 18 raised $167; Fayetteville, 11 raised $91; Wilmington, 3 raised $85. That is to say, 55 Sunday Schools raised $956, being $122 *less* than was raised the year before by 44 Sunday Schools.

OFFERINGS OF LADIES AID SOCIETIES.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery, $1,051 was raised by 17 Aid Societies: Charlotte (4), Gastonia, Olney, Long Creek, Mallard Creek, Lincolnton, Goshen, Pineville, Providence, Asheville, Steele Creek, Davidson River, Philadelphia, Hopewell.

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In Concord Presbytery, $431, was raised by 13 Aid Societies: Centre, Statesville (2), Concord (town), Thyatira, Poplar Tent, Mooresville(2), Marion, Davidson College, Bethel, Rocky River.

In Fayetteville Presbytery, $611, was raised by 27 Aid Societies: Elmwood (2), Fayetteville, Sardis, Laurinburg, Montpelier, St. Pauls', Mineral Springs, Antioch, Lumber Bridge, Bethlehem, Bethesda, Laurel Hill, Centre and Shoe Heel, Union, Euphronia, Smyrnia, Ashpole, Iona, Big Rock Fish, Buffalo, Centre, Carthage, Shoe Heel, Bluff, Mt. Tabor, Jonesboro.

In Orange Presbytery $645 was raised by 13 Aid Societies: Greensboro, Hillsboro (2), Raleigh (3), Henderson, Alamance, Winston (2), Graham, Mebaneville, Bethel.

In Wilmington Presbytery $87 was raised by 3 Aid Societies: Wilminton (2), Hallsville.

That is to say, there were more Societies contributing, but less money raised. 73 Aid Societies raised $2,825, being $120 less than was raised the year before by 65 Aid Societies.

One Young Men's Prayer Meeting in Concord Presbytery (Poplar Tent), sent a contribution to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, and $1,622 is credited as miscellaneous contributions from this Synod.

Bro. Davis, the only active representative in the service in the Foreign field from this Synod heretofore, after a year's visit to this country with his family, is to return to China in November, accompanied by Miss Lily Tidball, the daughter of a member of this Synod, a Minister of Concord Presbytery, who has been appointed by the Executive Committee as a Missionary to China.

The Executive Committee hope to raise $85,000 during this current year, and are instructed to make special appeals for free-will offerings during the months of October and February to supplement the contributions from the Churches in the *annual* season in May and June, appointed for Foreign Missions. If this Synod raises as much this year as it did last year, it will meet its proportion of the $85,000.

The success attending the efforts in Charlotte in raising money for this cause, has encouraged the friends there to undertake to support one or more Missionaries in the Foreign fields.

When your Agent was appointed to represent this department of our work, 20 years ago (1866), only $1,098 was raised in our bounds in that year, and $9,612 in our entire connection. Now this Synod raises

more than the entire Church did 20 years ago; and one of its Presbyteries raises more than three times as much as the Synod did then. For several years the contributions in this Synod have been increasing annually, and awakened zeal in many places is manifest.

The signs indicate the presence of the Lord Jesus in the events of our times, who has been given to His Church to "be Head over all things," and whom all things must serve. The life-streams among our people have not yet run dry, and the message of the Cross has not yet been forgotten.

This Synod resolves not to suffer despair to creep into the hearts of her people while they continue to bear Christ into the hearts and lives of the nations, that "He may fill all things"

V.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

SYNODICAL STATISTICAL SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1886:

The Agent for Sabbath Schools respectfully presents to the Synod of North Carolina the following information in regard to this work in our constituent Presbyteries:

PRESBYTERIES.	No. on Roll.			Added to Ch'ch	Contributions for Schools.	Contributions for Beneficence.
	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.			
Concord	38	325	2743	133	$ 477	$ 427
Fayetteville	35	264	2086	150	338	145
Mecklenburg	36	354	2999	167	645	554
Orange	41	363	2823	112	864	265
Wilmington	25	185	1119	82	340	107
	175	1491	11770	644	$2664	$ 1498

This tabular statement shows an advance beyond that of 1885 of 27 schools, 293 teachers, 2,655 scholars, 240 additions to the communion roll of the Church, $327 in contributions for the service of the schools and $356 for general benevolence. The average attendance of teachers and scholars has been about five-sevenths of the numbers enrolled.

The first Minutes of the General Assembly containing Sabbath School statistics for the Synod of North Carolina, was in 1866, and

there were then only 2,610 persons in our schools. In 1870 this Synod appointed its present Synodical Agent of Sabbath Schools, who made his first report in 1871. In 1872 the Presbyteries were recommended to appoint Presbyterial Sabbath School Agents. The First Synodical Report recorded in the printed Minutes was made in Concord in 1874. There were then 81 schools, 957 teachers, 6,960 scholars, 364 admitted to the Lord's Table, $1,216 given to school purposes, and $613 to general benevolence. By this comparison is exhibited an increase more than double in the number of schools and contributions, and nearly double in all other respects.

A very decided advance has been made in an important direction, viz: every one of our Presbyteries has arranged for holding, annually, Sabbath School Conventions. Some of the Presbyteries have held these Conventions for several years, and much benefit has resulted in kindling enthusiasm and extending correct views as to Sabbath School work.

Another favorable omen for this work is seen in the action of the Synod, which gives at this session a prominent place to the consideration of this department of church-work. According to the desire and direction of the last Synod, your Agent and the Presbyterial Agents have invited two distinguished brethren to address this body on this occasion upon various phases of this pious labor among the youth of our Church, viz: Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., Secretary of Sunday School Work in the Northern Presbyterian Church, and Rev. James K. Hazen, D.D., our Secretary of Publication and Sunday School Work. It is hoped that this movement will be crowned with success, under God, in awakening larger life, and wider activities in all our bounds; and that your Agent to be chosen at this Session will be enabled to devise some new and effective measures for directing and consolidating the energies and powers of the Church, not only to the establishment of a Sabbath School in every Church, but in using the institution as a mighty missionary power for preaching the Gospel in waste places, and establishing new centres for the worship of God and the saving of souls.

VI.—EVANGELISTIC LABOR.

Fayetteville Presbytery reports that they have six Counties in the Presbytery, no County without a Church, or with but one Church; and only one County with but two Churches. They had one Evangelist employed during the year ending April 1st, 1886. But that this does not fairly represent the amount of Evangelistic work done in

their bounds, as many of their Ministers do Evangelistic work at points adjacent to their charges. That they have paid their Evangelist four hundred ($400) dollars: two hundred from Evangelistic fund and two hundred from funds supplied. It is stated that now the Evangelist receives six hundred dollars, three hundred ($300) from feeble Churches; two hundred ($200) from Evangelistic fund and one hundred ($100) from Sustentation; that the Evangelist acts as Colporteur for Presbytery; that one Evangelist is needed to overtake, in a reasonable time, their destitution, and they can raise the means to support him; that they do not co-operate fully with the General Assembly in Evangelistic work; but in part by giving twenty-five per cent. of the receipts for this cause and drawing nothing from its Treasury.

That the results of Evangelistic work in their bounds cannot be accurately given; the following is, however, an approximation: No Churches organized, but way prepared for organizing; one or more of their feeble Churches supplied once a month; five points on R. & A. A. R. R. visited and thirteen sermons preached—twenty-four other points visited and forty-two sermons preached. In six months one thousand miles traveled, three hundred and seventy bound volumes, and two hundred and thirty-seven tracts volumes sold for $317, and 300 private families visited; three churches completed—two additional churches needed. That the labors of settled Pastors have been blessed in holding protracted meetings at preaching points, adding members to adjacent churches and preparing the way for organization of churches at no distant day.

Mecklenburg Presbytery reports that they have five Counties with no Presbyterian Church; that they have employed in Evangelistic work six Ministers—one the whole of his time, and five a part of their time. That they pay for this labor $1,250, all from funds raised for the express purpose. They do not co-operate with the General Assembly; that they need one additional Evangelist—they have not the money to employ the labor needed. That they have organized two Churches, and need two additional churches—buildings. That the number of church members and the number baptized are not known, and that they have supplied a number of destitute places.

Orange Presbytery, reports that they have within the limits of their territory 44 Counties and parts of Counties. That they have 22 Counties that have no Presbyterian Church; 9 Counties that have only one, and 4 four that have but two; that they have had three Evangelists employed all their time; that their Pastors labor from one to three

Sabbaths a year, with as much week day service as may be needed in assisting Evangelists in their field, and in supplying vacant Churches and with gratifying results; that the Evangelistic fields pay in support of the Evangelists about $650, and the Evangelistic fund raised by apportionment among the Churches is $750—total, $1,400; that they need at least three additional Evangelists, and that they have not the means of employing them; that they do not co-operate with the General Assembly; that they have organized one Church and supplied some fifteen destitute places with preaching; that they have received twelve church members and baptized fifteen persons.

Concord Presbytery reports that they have 5 Counties with no Presbyterian Church, 3 Counties with only one, and 3 Counties with but two. That they have one Evangelist employed all his time, and one only one-fourth of his time; that they pay their Evangelists $638 from the Evangelistic fund and $318 from other sources—total, $956; that they need at least six additional Evangelists to overtake the work in their bounds, and that they have not the money to employ them. That they do not co-operate with the General Assembly. That they have organized three new Churches; that they need several more. That they have added to the Church twenty-seven members, and baptized twelve adults and seven infants. That they have supplied thirteen destitute places with preaching; that they have much to encourage them in this branch of their work, especially in Stanly County, for in that County, four years ago, they had but one Church and six members, now they have five Churches and about ninety church members.

Wilmington Presbytery reports that they have 2 Counties in their bounds which have no Presbyterian Church, 2 that have but one, and 2 that have only two. That they have two Evangelists employed a portion of their time; that they pay them $350, received from the Assembly's Evangelistic Fund; that they need at least two additional Ministers to labor as Evangelists, and that they hope to have the money to pay them. That they have not organized any Churches; that they have not completed, repaired or begun any church building—none needed at present. That through evangelistic labor they have added eight members to the Church, and baptized four adults and four infants; that they have supplied four destitute places with preaching.

Summary.—In the bounds of the Synod there are employed in part or for the whole of the time, fourteen Ministers in evangelistic labor. Of these Fayetteville Presbytery has one, Orange three, Concord two, Mecklenburg six, and Wilmington two. There are needed fourteen additional Evangelists, viz: In Fayetteville, none; in Orange, three;

in Concord, six; in Mecklenburg, one; in Wilmington, four. There are needed six churches: In Concord, three; in Mecklenburg, two; in Fayetteville, none, and in Orange one. There has been paid in the Synod for evangelistic labor, $4,350: In Fayetteville, $400; in Orange, $1,400; in Concord, $950; in Mecklenburg, $1,250, and in Wilmington, $350.

Nearly all the Presbyteries report that as compared with the preceding year, this branch of our work is more promising and encouraging.

The following is recommended for the adoption of the Synod:

That the Synod observes with satisfaction that the Presbyteries are utilizing their Pastors and Stated Supplies to great advantage in this branch of the Church's work, and would earnestly recommend to the Presbyteries that they urge upon Ministers that they labor as much as possible in destitute points adjacent to their respective charges, in feeble and vacant Churches, and in assisting Evangelists in holding protracted meetings in their evangelistic fields.

G.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

REVISED NOVEMBER, 1883.

I. OF ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

1. The Stated Clerk, the Pastor of the Church in which the Synod holds its annual session, and the Delegate of the Session of said Church, shall constitute a Committee of Enrollment, who shall, at a convenient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the Roll of the Synod. And to the Committee of Enrollment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each member, unless released by a vote of the Synod, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod to address a letter to the Moderator, stating reasons for his detention.

3. The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a Standing Committee on Leave of Absence. To this Committee all excuses for absence

or late attendance, and for the latter on the part of Ruling Elders as well as Ministers shall be rendered. The Roll shall be called before final adjournment, and those absent without permission shall be called to answer for such irregularity.

II. OF THE OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF SYNOD.

4. A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

5. The Treasurer shall submit to the Synod, annually, his book, together with a report of receipts and expenditures, presenting vouchers for the same.

6. The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, and they shall present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

7. Agents shall be appointed on each of the following departments of the Church's work, viz: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education, Publication, Evangelistic Labor and Sabbath-schools. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of the Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them. The Agents for these respective subjects, or chairmen of Committees, in the several Presbyteries shall forward to the Synodical Agents such reports as are needful in the preparation of their reports to the Synod. And the Synod shall appoint Orders of the Day for each of these causes at each annual meeting. In connection with the Order for Evangelistic Labor the Synod will hear reports from Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists. And in connection with the consideration of Foreign Missions, a collection may also be taken for this object.

III. OF COMMITTEES.

8. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred. And this Committee shall condense the same, and report to the Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body.

9. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence shall be referred. And this Committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod, recommending any action called for on the subject. The Presbyterial Reports shall cover the fiscal year of the Assembly.

10. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to examine the Synodical Records and report thereon.

IV. OF THE STATED CLERK AND THE MINUTES.

11. The Stated Clerk shall forward to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary and the Librarian of Davidson College, the Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Society, a copy of the Minutes of the Synod as published annually.

12. He shall issue and sign certificates whenever necessary, for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

13. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes the reports of the Presbyteries furnishing statistics to the Synod, the statistics of the annual reports of the Synodical Agents, when approved by the Synod, requesting on behalf of the Synod the publication of the full reports in the *North Carolina Presbyterian;* a list of the officers and appointees of the Synod; the Standing Rules of the Synod and a Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

14. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, at least once in five years, the names of the Ruling Elders and Deacons, with their respective postoffices, belonging to the Churches composing the Synod. And the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, the information necessary for the execution of this rule.

V. MISCELLANEOUS.

15. The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly of 1866, and since that time observed by them, shall be the rules for the guidance of this Synod.

16. The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod shall render excuse to the Synod for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board, and if so absent without assigning sufficient excuse his seat in the Board will be declared vacant.

17. It was ordered that it be a Standing Rule of Synod that hereafter the Synodical Communion be celebrated on Thursday evening. (Minutes 1883, p. 402.)

18. The election of Stated Clerk and of Synodical Agents shall be held in 1886, and every three years thereafter—the former to enter upon his duties at the opening of the Synod immediately succeeding that at

which he is elected, and the latter to enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of the Synod which elected them. (Minutes 1883, p. 420.)

19. It was made a Standing Rule that the Roll be called at the opening of the Synod, that those who have been enrolled by the Committee of Enrollment may answer to their names. (Minutes 1885, p. 612.)

20. The Committee of Leave of Absence was instructed not to grant leaves of absence except for urgent reasons; and the Stated Clerk was directed to enter this action upon the Docket of the next Synod, for information and caution to members of the Committee and of the Synod. (Minutes, 1885, p. 615.)

H.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1813.	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814.	*Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.
1815.	*Rev. Wm. McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816.	*Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818.	*Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D.D.	Fayetteville.
1819.	*Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, D.D.	Raleigh.
1820.	*Rev. William Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821.	*Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822.	*Rev. John Robinson.	Hillsborough.
1823.	*Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824.	*Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825.	*Rev. John B. Davis	Greensborough.
1826.	*Rev. William McPheeters, D.D.	Fayetteville.
1827.	Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D.	Salisbury.
	The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings	
1828.	*Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.

*Deceased.

Moderators of Synod.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1829.	*Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.
1830.	*Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.
1831.	*Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsborough.
1832.	*Rev. Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833.	*Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834.	*Rev. James W. Douglas	Oxford.
1835.	*Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Salisbury.
1836.	*Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville.
1837.	*Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh.
1838.	*Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church.
1839.	*Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.
1840.	*Rev. Alexander Wilson, D.D.	Danville Virginia.
1841.	*Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842.	*Rev. Walter S. Pharr	Poplar Tent.
1843.	*Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh.
1844.	*Rev. Simeon Colton	Fayetteville.
1845.	*Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.
1846.	*Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensborough.
1847.	*Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville.
1848.	*Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury.
1849.	*Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsborough.
1850.	*Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre.
1851.	*Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River.
1852.	*Rev. Wm. N. Mebane	Danville, Virginia.
1853.	Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington.
1854.	*Rev. A. L. Watts	Concord.
1855.	*Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D.D.	Greensborough.
1856.	Rev. Neill McKay	Fayetteville.
1857.	Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte.
1858.	*Rev. Jacob Doll	Newbern.
1859.	*Rev. F. K. Nash	Wilmington.
1860.	*Rev. R. H. Lafferty	Statesville.
1861.	*Rev. Edward Hines	Raleigh.
1862.	*Rev. John M. Sherwood	Goldsborough.
1863.	*Rev. R. N. Davis	Salisbury.
1864.	*Rev. A. G. Hughes	Greensborough.
1865.	Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville.
1866.	*Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D.D.	Charlotte.
1867.	Rev. Archibald Currie	Newbern.
1868.	Rev. D. D. McBryde	Wilmington.

*Deceased.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1869.	*Rev. Jesse Rankin	Morganton.
1870.	*Rev. S. A. Stanfield	Raleigh.
1871.	Rev. J. P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
1872.	Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D.D.	Charlotte.
1873.	*Rev. James M. Sprunt	Wilmington.
1874.	Rev. J. Rumple, D.D.	Concord.
1875.	Rev. P. H. Dalton	Greensborough.
1876.	Rev. Martin McQueen	Fayetteville.
1877.	*Rev. John Douglas	Charlotte.
1878.	Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D.D.	Goldsborough.
1879.	Rev. E. F. Rockwell	Statesville.
1880.	Rev. J. Henry Smith, D.D.	Raleigh.
1881.	Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D.	Salisbury.
1882.	Rev. L. McKinnon	Asheville.
1883.	Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D.	Wilmington.
1884.	*Rev. P. T. Penick	Winston.
1885.	Rev. J. C. Alexander	Reidsville.
1886.	Rev. John W. Primrose	Concord.

*Deceased.

STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1813.	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman.	1859.	*Rev. Jacob Bll.
1818.	*Rev. Colin McIver.	1878.	Rev. Wm. S. Lacy.
1849.	*Rev. Drury Lacy.	1865.	Rev. J. A. Ramsay.
1855.	*Rev. Archibald Baker.		

*Deceased.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Rev. J. Rumple, D.D.
Rev. Jno. W. Primrose.
Mr. D. W. Oates, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1890.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D.
Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, D.D.
Mr. B. F. Hall, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1889.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D.
Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D.
Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1888.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain.
Rev. Wm. S. Lacy.
Mr. W. Murdoch, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1887.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

AGENTS OF SYNOD.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy.....Agent for Foreign Missions.
Rev. J. M. Wharey.....Agent of Sustentation.
Rev. W. E. McIlwain.....Agent of Education.
Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D.....Agent of Publication.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Agent of Sabbath Schools.
Rev. J. W. Primrose.....Agent of Evangelistic Labor.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay.....Greensborough.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Col. John E. Brown, *Chairman*.....Charlotte.
Col. J. B. Rankin.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. L. Brown.....Charlotte.
Mr. R. I. McDowell*.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. H. Welbourne.....Lexington.
Mr. D. F. Cannon.....Concord.
Mr. E. B. Stimson.....Statesville.

To go out in 1887.

*Deceased.

SYNODICAL HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

(To co-operate with the Presbyterian Historical Society.)
Rev. J. A. Ramsay, *Chairman ex-officio*.....Mill Bridge.
Rev. E. F. Rockwell, D.D.....Cool Spring.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Newbern.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D.....Winston.
Concord—Rev. Wm. W. Pharr.....Mooresville.
Fayetteville—Rev. J. P. McPherson.....Fayetteville.
Wilmington—Rev. A. McFadyen.....Clarkton.
Mecklenburg—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Lincolnton.

ROLL OF MINISTERS OF SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Robert Burwell, D.D.	Raleigh.
2. George W. Ferrell	Tally Ho.
3. A. Currie	Madison.
4. Thomas U. Faucette	Milton.
5. Joseph M. Atkinson, D.D.	Raleigh
6. P. H. Dalton	High Point.
7. J. Henry Smith, D.D.	Greensborough.
8. E. H. Harding, D.D.	Graham.
9. F. H. Johnston, D.D.	Winston.
10. James C. Alexander*	Greensborough.
11. C. N. Morrow	Hawthorne, Fla.
12. Charles Phillips, D.D.	Chapel Hill.
13. C. H. Wiley, D.D*	Winston.
14. L. C. Vass	Newbern.
15. H. T. Darnall	Durham.
16. C. Miller	Greensborough.
17. T. J. Allison	Mebanville.
18. James L. Currie	Hillsborough.
19. Samuel M. Smith	Washington.
20. John S. Watkins, D.D.	Raleigh.
21. D. Irvin Craig	Reidsville.
22. William F. Thom	Mt. Vernon Springs.
23. J. N. H. Summerell	Tarborough.
24. A. L. Crawford	Lexington.
25. S. H. Isler	Goldsborough.
26. William F. Wilhelm	Hillsborough.
27. S. H. Chester	Mebaneville.
28. Alexander Sprunt	Henderson.
29. R. B. Willis	Oxford.
30. Carr Moore,	Williamsborough.
31. Egbert W. Smith	Greensborough.

*Deceased since the meeting of Synod.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. E. F. Rockwell, D.D.	Cool Spring.
2. B. L. Beall	Lenoir.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
3.	W. A. Wood, D.D	Statesville.
4.	J. Rumple, D.D	Salisbury.
5.	William W. Pharr	Mooresville.
6.	R. B. Anderson, D.D	Morganton.
7.	W. B. Tidball	Taylorsville.
8.	L. McKinnon, D.D	Davidson College.
9.	J. M. Wharey	Mooresville.
10.	L. K. Glasgow	Davidson College.
11.	John W. Davis, D.D	Soochow China.
12.	R. W. Boyd	Wood Leaf.
13.	C. M. Payne	Concord.
14.	C. A. Monroe	Hickory.
15.	J. A. Ramsay	Mill Bridge.
16.	W. R. McLelland	
17.	J. L. Williamson	Concord.
18.	W. B. Arrowood	Norwood.
19.	A. W. White	Elmwood.
20.	B. C. Murray	Marion.
21.	R. S. Arrowood	Concord.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Hector McLean	Melrose.
2.	James P. McPherson	Jonesborough.
3.	Neill McKay, D.D	Summerville.
4.	Andrew McMillan	Laurel Hill Depot.
5.	D. D. McBride	Little River Academy
6.	Martin McQueen	Carthage.
7.	James McQueen	Swann's Station.
8.	N. T. Bowden	Little's Mills.
9.	Joseph Evans	Plain View.
10.	Archibald McQueen	Queensdale.
11.	John H. Coble	Laurinburgh.
12.	H. G. Hill, D.D	Maxton.
13.	David Fairley	Manchester.
14.	J. H. Colton	Jonesborough.
15.	A. N. Ferguson	Laurinburgh.
16.	K. M. McIntyre	Ridge's Creek.
17.	William S. Lacy	Jonesborough.
18.	J. Stedman Black	Athens.
19.	J. D Currie*	Jackson's Springs.

*Deceased since meeting of Synod.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Duncan B. Black	Burgaw.
2. Colin Shaw	Magnolia.
3. B. F. Marable, D.D	Mount Olive.
4. James Kelly	Clarkton.
5. A. McFadyen	Clarkton.
6. A. Kirkland	Whiteville.
7. G. W. McMillan	Kenansville.
8. K. McDonald	Magruder.
9. Alexander L. Phillips	Fayetteville.
10. John W. Primrose	Wilmington.
11. P. H. Hoge	Wilmington.
12. John D. Stanford	Kenansville.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Robert H. Morrison, D.D	Lowesville.
2. James E. Morrison	Morven.
3. James D. Hall	Belmont.
4. William Graves	Mills River.
5. Walter W. Pharr, D.D*	Garrison.
6. A. W. Miller D.D	Charlotte.
7. G. D. Parks	Charlotte.
8. R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton.
9. William A. McDonald*	Hoods.
10. D. T. Towles	Crab Tree.
11. John J. Kennedy	Gastonia.
12. William H. Davis	Davidson River.
13. William E. McIlwain	Gastonia.
14. S. Taylor Martin	HampdenSidney, Va.
15. G. S. Robinson	Pineville.
16. R. A. Miller	Monroe.
17. J. P. Gammon	Smithville, Va.
18. G. L. Cook	Sandifer.
19. W. R. Atkinson	Charlotte,
20. D. P. Robinson	Palestine, Texas.
21. J. M. McLean	Gastonia.
22. A. G. Buckner	Wadesborough.

*Deceased since the meeting of Synod.

Roll of Ministers. Mecklenburg.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
23.	A. M. Watson	Huntersville.
24.	E. P. Davis	Shelby.
25.	R. B. Morrow	Monteith.
26.	R. S. Brown	Baltimore, Md.
27.	C. W. Robinson	Charlotte.
28.	I. N. Campbell	Rutherfordton.
29.	P. R. Law	Monroe.
30.	E. A. Sample	Franklin.
31.	J. L. McLees	Pineville.
32.	J. C. Oehler	Hendersonville.
33.	T. A. Wharton	Waynesville.

DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

[From 22nd Rule of the Rules of Parliamentary Order, Appoved by the Synod. See Standing Rule 15.]

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes read.
3. Presentation of Papers.

    a. Communications addressed to the body ;
    b. Reports of Standing Committees ;
    c. Reports of Select Committees ;
    d. Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation, but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4. The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such Unfinished Business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table, to proceed with the Special Order.]

5. The Order of the Day.
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect officers, to appoint committees and to enroll members, shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

[*Note.*—If the Unfinished Bussiness be laid on the table in order to proceed with the Order of the Day, when the Order has been disposed of such Unfinished Business has precedence of the Regular Docket.]

DOCKET

OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE HELD IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1887, AT 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

I. Prayer.
II. Report of Committee of Enrollment.
III. Moderator Chosen.
IV. Temporary Clerks Chosen.
V. Minutes of Last Annual Meeting and of the Called Meetings of Synod Read.
VI. Standing Committees Announced.
    1. Bills and Overtures.
    2. Judicial Committee.
    3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
    4. Systematic Beneficence.
    5. Minutes of the General Assembly.
    6. Union Theological Seminary.
    7. Treasurer's Books.
    8. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
    9. Devotional Exercises.
    10. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.
    11. Synodical Records.
    12. Leave of Absence.

VII. Committee to Review Records of Presbyteries Announced:

    1. Orange.
    2. Concord.
    3. Fayetteville.
    4. Wilmington.
    5. Mecklenburg.

VIII. Excuses for Absence from Last Meeting of Synod Referred.
IX. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries Referred:

    1. Orange.
    2. Concord.
    3. Fayetteville.
    4. Wilmington.
    5. Mecklenburg.

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X. Narratives of the State of Religion Referred.

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XI. Report of Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence Referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XII. Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary read and referred:

XIII.—Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary referred.

[*Note.*—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz: Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, and Mr. W. Murdoch, Ruling Elder.]

XIV. Synodical and Presbyterial Records Referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. The Synod.

XV. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Col. John E. Brown Chairman) read and referred.

[*Note.*—The term of office of the Trustees of Synod expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz:]

Col. John E. Brown, *Chairman*.....Charlotte.
Col. J. B. Rankin.....Charlotte.
Mr. John L. Brown.....Charlotte.
Mr. D. F. Cannon.....Concord.
Mr. C. B. Stimson.....Statesville.

[Messrs. R. I. McDowell, Charlotte, and J. H. Welbourne, Lexington, have deceased during their term of office, and the vacancies were not filled.]

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XVI. Report of the Treasurer of the Synod (*pro tempore*) read and referred.

XVII. Appointment of Orders of the Day.

XVIII. Reports of the Synodical Agents read.

1. Sustentation—Rev. James M. Wharey.
2. Education—Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain.
3. Publication—Rev. John S. Watkins, D.D.
4. Foreign Missions—Rev. Wm. S. Lacy.
5. Sabbath-schools—Rev. L. C. Vass.
6. Evangelical Labor—Rev. John W. Primrose.

XIX. Report of Synodical Historical Committee (Rev. J. A. Ramsay, Chairman.)

XX. Special Order Appointed by the Synod of 1885, and continued by the Synod of 1886.

1. A Sermon or Address on "The Duty of the Church in securing a larger number of efficient Ministers." Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain, Principal, Rev. J. Rumple, D.D., Alternate, (Minutes 1885, p. 600. Minutes 1886, p. 27.)

XXI. Minute on the Death of the Rev. Robert Hett Chapman, D.D. Rev. Colin Shaw, Chairman. (Minutes 1885, p. 611.)

XXII. Unfinished Business; Resolutions touching Education, and the Labor of Candidates for the Ministry. (Minutes 1886, pp. 26.)

XXIII. Election of Treasurer of Synod.

XXIV. Election of Trustees of Synod.

XXV. Synodical Communion, on Thursday Evening, as provided for by Rule 17.

XXVI. Time and place of Next Meeting of Synod Chosen.

XXVII. How many Copies of the Minutes shall be published.

XXVIII. Statistical Report of the Synod to the General Assembly adopted.

XXIX. Roll Called before Final Adjournment.

XXX. Minutes Read and Approved.

XXXI. Adjournment with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.